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CIRCULAR.

Department of Marine and Fisheries,

Ottawa, 15th December, 1879.

Sir,

The Minister's attention having been called to the fact that Fishery Officers in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are accustomed to enforce the Game Laws, incidentally with their duties under the Fishery Laws, and objection being made thereto on account of the former Statutes being Provincial Acts and not necessarily subject to Federal authority, which enforcement the objectors also assume to involve some expense, however trifling, to the Dominion Treasury; I am desired to instruct you that in future all matters connected with laws for protecting and preserving game, other than fish, must, so far as your official capacity is concerned, be left to the entire control of the provincial authorities and the voluntary action of private individuals. This unavoidable direction is given with the more regret because of the intimate connection between the protection and increase of fish and that of game under our present system, which was in force at the time of Confederation, and has not since been formally discontinued on account of its proving beneficial to the public interest, and of immaterial burden to the public service. The Provincial Governments in these provinces having no official organization for the enforcement of Game Laws, and many of the local magistrates and other influential persons being more or less indifferent to the subject of preserving game, it was thought advisable to secure whatever incidental protection the Fisheries staff could afford, by circulating copies of the Game Laws, and posting notices of the close seasons and other prohibitions along with the fishery notices which are usually issued and circulated at the times when and places where unseasonable and illegal hunting is pursued. The publicity thus given by these warnings to the principal clauses of the statutes in question had the double effect of informing and deterring persons who would otherwise have destroyed game indiscriminately, partly through ignorance of the legal consequences and partly because of the apparent indifference of public authorities. Whenever advisable, also, prosecutions were brought by or before the Fishery Officers.

You are aware, from experience, that the trouble and expense of enforcing the Fishery Laws have been very much simplified and reduced by your ability, through such means, to keep ill-disposed persons from frequenting the haunts of breeding game (particularly water fowl) under pretence of shooting, when every opportunity was made available to fish by unlawful means and at illegal and improvident seasons. It is known that many of the Fishery Officers have regarded it as somewhat onerous for them thus incidentally to enforce the Game Laws without receiving any extra allowance for either salary or expenses; but this Department has felt justified in doing so, from an official point of view, because of the practical assistance which it afforded to their regular duties. We have been, nevertheless, grateful to those Fishery Officers who have so spiritedly and efficiently exercised their powers without any remuneration therefor, actuated solely by a desire to preserve the valuable game of the country, which, without some such active interest and authorized supervision, would have been now very much decreased, if not in many parts almost exterminated. It will afford some satisfaction at least to the Fishery Officers more immediately concerned to reflect that they have thus far been instrumental in arresting the decline of game about certain portions of these provinces, and that in many places the more important species are largely increased in numbers.

This fact has had a noticeable bearing on the condition of the fisheries in the vicinity, it being well understood that an abundance of game, serviceable for food, is not only a very desirable resource for consumers generally, but that the existence of such animals was in itself an important matter as removing much of the temptation which otherwise impelled backwoods settlers and others to provide for their wants by catching fish irrespective of law or economy. In this respect the result of their efforts was an indirect saving to the public by obviating the necessity for augmenting the numbers of Fishery Guardians, and consequently increasing the cost of the service.

The Provincial Statute 22 Vic., cap. 104, commonly known as the "Sabbath Observance Act," has also been utilized for protecting fish and game; and as it is liable to

the same objection as that now raised against the enforcement of the Provincial Game Laws by Dominion Officials, it must in future be left entirely to local jurisdiction.

You will please consider this Circular as amending your general instructions to the extent of omitting further reference to the Game Laws of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and the Sabbath Observance Act in the last named province.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITCHER,

Commissioner of Fisheries.

Re James Jones
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THE FISH HATCHERY.

[Essex Record.]

On Tuesday of last week Mr. Wilmot, of the Fisheries Department, came here for the purpose of superintending the starting of the Sandwich Fish Hatchery into operation for the winter, in which undertaking he was engaged until Monday evening. There are now no less than thirty millions of white fish eggs put down for hatching, all the appliances for their reception having been filled. This immense number of eggs, but for the hatchery, would have gone entirely to waste, and the product of young fish, whether it be 50, 75, or 80 per cent., will therefore be a clear gain and an important one. The eggs were obtained from fish taken along the shore of Detroit River, and, in view of the bad season, Mr. Wilmot was exceedingly fortunate in obtaining them. The catch this season has fallen far short of paying the expenses of those engaged in the pursuit, and it has now become quite apparent that, without the aid of artificial hatching, the whitefish would soon become totally extinct in these waters. During the spawning season only have they visited the river, and they have been exposed to dozens of nets spread across their pathway, so that comparatively few escaped to deposit their spawn. Hence the vast commercial importance of the above-named institution. Mr. Wilmot has this fall, so far as space will permit, set up his new hatching apparatus, a rude specimen of which he tried at the same place and also at some of the other hatching houses last winter. The contrivance consists, 1st—of a metal bucket with a perforated false bottom raised several inches above the true bottom; 2. A tube with a regulating faucet leading from an elevated water trough to the space midway between these bottoms, by means of which the eggs (100,000 in each case) placed on false bottoms are acted upon—the water is turned on, and, passing up through the perforations, it keeps them continually in motion, rising and sinking like sand in a spring; 3. Near the top of the bucket, another tube is inserted through the side and extends nearly across the vessel, for the purpose of carrying off the water; and, to prevent the eggs floating off in the current thus created, the tube is covered with wire gauze. By this plan, the eggs being kept in motion continually, any impurity that may have attached itself to them is gently worn off by friction, and the formation of fungus, so annoying under the old system, prevented. But a far more important advantage is the facility afforded for removing the unfertilized or imperfect eggs, which service hitherto had to be done by a process of first "combing" with a feather, and then picking out with forceps, requiring the constant labor of one boy to about every one or two million eggs. Now, all that is necessary is to visit each bucket once a day and increasing the volume of water supply, causing it for an instant to gently overflow, when the bad eggs, being much lighter than the sound ones, rise to the surface and are carried off. One person's time is sufficient to attend the eighteen millions deposited in these buckets, whereas a dozen could hardly manage them if placed in the old-fashioned tray, and besides, the work is much more perfectly accomplished. The water, too, though brought from the main channel of the river, is charged with more or less dirt during the prevalence of wind storms, and this, when trays are employed, settles upon them or adheres to the eggs; but when buckets are used, it is all precipitated upon the true bottom, and is easily drawn off at intervals through an opening made for the purpose, which at other times is corked up. So perfect is this invention, that the U. S. fishery authorities, on seeing its practical advantages last winter here, at once adopted it, changing only the material, using glass instead of galvanized iron.

There has been no curtailment of the old apparatus this season, and the trays now contain 12,000,000 eggs, their full capacity. It is contemplated, however, to replace it entirely with the new next fall, when the capacity of the establishment will be increased from 30,000,000 to, perhaps, 60,000,000. Mr. Wilmot is deserving of much praise, not only for the great amount of ingenuity he has displayed in improving upon the means of artificial propagation of fish, and thus immensely increasing our food supply; but also for his deep interest in, and constant solicitude for, the success of this and its half-dozen sister establishments in the country. His efforts here are ably seconded by Mr. Nevin, also an enthusiastic pisciculturist, who has charge of the business.

A NIAGARA PHENOMENON.

An Unprecedented Migration of Minnows From Lake Ontario.

(From the Buffalo Express.)

Niagara River has this season offered some fine opportunities for the study of the maintenance of the equilibrium of animal life on both land and water. Early spring was marked by an unprecedented migration of minnows from Lake Erie into the Niagara River. They arrived by millions and formed here and there almost solid banks of moving flesh. The shores of some little creeks like those of Frenchman's Creek, emptying from the Canada shore into the Niagara River, were actually strewn with countless numbers of dead minnows, which had been suffocated for want of oxygen in these narrow channels. The advent of minnows attracted in turn, as might naturally be expected, a proportionately sized swarm of their destroyers, in shape of the different species of pike, muscalonge and black bass. The latter would be seen quietly in solid columns along the bottom near the shores, where the water was sufficiently shallow and transparent to permit a full view of them. Fishermen were perplexed and in despair, since they would take bait of no kind, no matter how temptingly displayed. Their stomachs were fairly gorged with minnows, which could be captured without any effort whatever.

Later on, when the main bulk of minnows disappeared without being followed by their enemies, the tables were turned, and bass fishing never has been known to be as fine as it was towards the latter end of the summer. Though the river is no longer stocked with minnows as it was in the spring, the present amount probably still exceeds that of any previous year, and has attracted later on another host of their natural enemies, the winged toilers of the sea. Never before has the surface of the green Niagara exhibited such an animated display of glistening white flocks of gulls and terns as in the present months. They have assembled by thousands, and luxuriate in immense abundance on their natural prey. Among them are some species never before observed here in any notable quantity, or even single specimens. We enumerate the Kittiwake gull, besides three species of terns, two of which are determinable as the black and common tern, while the other is dubious on account of its immature plumage. They are congregated in large and separate flocks, and though occasionally hovering high over the river, may easily be decoyed to come near the surface by throwing upon it some white bunches of cotton or paper. A good breach loader will then make considerable havoc among them, as they generally remain quite a long time near any spot where one or more of their shot comrades float upon the water.

It is very easy to see how black bass and the various species of gulls and terns should be found in such great numbers, where there is an unusual abundance of their natural food; but a more minute knowledge, through close observation and examination, is needed to determine the reasons for the unsurpassed spring migration of the minnows. The solution of the problem probably hinges also upon their peculiar microscopic food, which may have been affected by changed conditions of the ordinary prevailing temperature of the water, or other similar influences of a physical nature.

SHAD IN LAKE ONTARIO.—The Rochester Union says: "Our distinguished fellow-citizen, Seth Green, has just received information that is not only gratifying to him, but of very considerable interest to the public. It is of a nature that confirms Mr. Green's judgment that shad can be successfully propagated in the large lakes. The information comes from J. A. Howard, of Port Ontario, and is accompanied by proof of the news conveyed. Mr. Howard sends a fine male shad, weighing 5½ pounds, which he says was caught in a gill net six or seven miles out in Lake Ontario, off Port Ontario, at the mouth of Salmon river. The fish is the largest of its kind yet caught in the lake, and is one of those placed in its waters by Mr. Green in the year 1872. The attempt to introduce the fish in fresh water was an experiment. It is now no longer in the list of experiments, but a matter of certainty. The fish have been caught at various points on the lake ever since the fry were put in, and appear to grow as rapidly and possess all the qualities of the shad that are caught in salt water. Mr. Green now intends to go on with the work of supplying the lake with a large quantity of shad by liberating fry. States bordering the upper lakes have also tried the experiment of raising shad in those waters, and the people will be pleased to hear that everything points to the success of the movement. The French King who wished to see a fowl in the pot of every peasant in his dominion could not carry out his desire; but Seth Green may place a shad on the table of every house in the State." We may add, in confirmation of the success of Mr. Green's experiment, that shad, which, previous to Mr. Green's attempt at propagating them in Lake Ontario, were unknown in the waters of the Bay of Quinte, are now caught in considerable numbers by the fishermen along its shores, and that we have seen many of the fish, which are very beautiful and highly esteemed as food. Many thousands of young shad died in the lake, yet a sufficient number have survived to make the experiment measurably successful. The people of Canada therefore owe a debt to Mr. Green as do his own countrymen, for as the shad have no respect for boundary lines, they are fast becoming an item of value in the accounts of the fishermen.—Belleville Paper

RIVER FISHERIES.

(To the Editor of The Globe.)

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your journal for the purpose of noticing a great grievance of which our fishermen along the Niagara River complain, and to ask if there is any relief. It appears there are a number of parties in the town of Niagara and the village of Youngstown, N.Y., who, contrary to law, I am informed, place gill nets at the mouth of the river from old Fort Missauga and Fort Niagara, on the opposite side of the river, extending a mile out in the lake, with meshes small enough to entrap the smallest fish which would come up the river. I understand that the fishermen along the river lose by these illegal and unjust transactions hundreds of dollars during the season. Is there not a law which expressly states that no such obstructions shall be placed at the mouth of any stream or river? And is there not an inspector whose duty it is to look after these daily violations of it? If there is not, it is high time the Government appointed a man who will, without fear, favour, or affection, see that these fishermen, who annually pay a good rental for their grounds, have their business protected. It is decidedly unjust to ask these men for rentage, when they do not get scarcely any return for their labour and the expense which they have gone to in fitting up "machines."

I understand that a correspondence has taken place between the Canadian and American Government in regard to these obstructions, and that our Government had instructed the Inspector at Hamilton to enquire into the matter and report to them. The enquiry was made, so I am told; but the information concerning it was sought for and obtained from one of the very parties who openly violated the law in this respect. It would be a very easy matter for him to say that the gill nets did not hurt or interfere with the fishing up the river—yes, and quite to his interest to say so. This report was probably sent to our Government, and doubtless the reason nothing further has been done in the matter. We trust the Inspector will "see through" this affair, and that our fishermen here are protected, and those violators of the law punished for this unjust work.

Yours very truly,

FAIR PLAY.

Queenston, Oct. 22, 1877.

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Ottawa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

CANADIAN SALMON IN ENGLAND

Editor of the CITIZEN.

SIR,—Dr. Buckland's letter in yesterday's *Citizen* is important. If any Canadian salmon shipped to England are found to be "unclean and unseasonable," there is a fair presumption of illegality, and their origin should be traced by the authorities in Canada as well for our own protection and credit as for the interests of English dealers and consumers. But fresh salmon preserved in ice or frozen artificially may be lawfully shipped from this country, and yet reach their destination in an unwholesome state. Such a result might prove ruinous to shippers and injurious to trade. The principal of our dealers in fresh salmon are prudent, experienced, and respectable men, having considerable capital embarked in this business. It seems improbable, therefore, that any of them would ship unsound fish, or traffic in such as are foul and unseasonable. I am informed that an experimental shipment of salmon from Restigouche consisted of fish caught in July last, and since kept in the freezer, which were packed in ice and conveyed in refrigerators on board of one of the ocean steamers, reaching Liverpool in perfect condition. It seems impossible that this consignment could suffer so much in transit thence to London.

Dr. Buckland correctly assumes that on Canadian salmon river is now legally open for nets. Our fishery laws forbid netting salmon after the 1st of August in Quebec and Ontario, and after the 15th of August in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Therefore, any ~~falsely~~ netted fish marketed after those dates would be subject to confiscation as being both illegal and unseasonable. Of course, there can be no such thing as "clean, fresh-run" fish caught in Canadian rivers in October; but salmon preserved in snow and ice, or frozen in a fresh state by the artificial process, and shipped to the trade and consumers during the winter months, has been a common article of commerce in this country. It is quite lawful to buy, sell or possess them in Canada throughout the close season if they have been lawfully caught in open season. The same rule exists in England. Our fishery laws provide a "lawful excuse" for their possession, and it is the duty of the owner to produce proof of legal origin if required. This department adopts a system of granting certificates, which *bona fide* traders find it beneficial to observe. The same plan might apply to exportations from Canada. No doubt, this new enterprise of sending Canadian salmon to English markets, at a time when the sale of salmon assumed to be caught in Great Britain is prohibited by Imperial statutes and local regulations, will necessitate the adoption of co-operative means to prevent evasions of those laws, without, at the same time, depriving Canadian dealers of the advantage of English markets in winter time, and the British consumer of the benefit of a desirable variety of fish food. How to accomplish this requires some consideration. Meanwhile, it would be very unfortunate if hasty prejudices should arise on the other side, or that illegal practices should prevail on this side of the Atlantic, to defeat the venture of Canadian traders, and to deprive British consumers of any benefits attending competition and an enlarged supply. There is a possibility that "tricks of trade" may have something to do with the present aspect of the case to which Dr. Buckland draws attention.

Your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITCHER,

Ottawa, 27th November.

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FISH PROPAGATION.

Seth Green writes from Rochester that June shad had been caught in Lake Ontario last summer. He believes they became landlocked and will make the lake their home, thus adding new fish to the waters of the lake.

Feb 25.

Speaking to Mr. Jas:
m. came in at 3. p.
inner 50. C. J. Kerr H

My dear Stull,

13. October 1877,

A Mr Eagle, a farmer, resident at Weston near Toronto, has been recently with another person up in Caledon, where they caught 200. speckled trout, put them in a barrel, but on arriving home 22 of ^{to the credit} them were dead. --

They intend going back again, with nets to catch 200 fish more. --

I hope your appointment is not made in vain, and that you will catch and heavily fine some of these law breakers - be on the Alert. - I shall make Mr Eagle sweet for what he has already done.

Y^{ls} John W. Kero
D.O.

Wm Stull Esq
D.O.
Erin Village,

18. October 1877.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and in reply to No. 1. of the same date. That the department is ^{not} made directly aware of the Niagara River, being especially anxious to secure such a privilege.

In reply to the second of your queries, I beg most respectfully to state, that not receiving any specific application from the Niagara River on the subject referred to, I did not apply to you on behalf of the River.

The only licensed fishermen interested in the ^{fall} river fishing for white fish in the Niagara River, at the House of Assembly, between the Village of Lambton House there, and the Queen's Royal Hotel on the opposite shore, are Messrs. Smith and Brown & Co.

And in their behalf only, I beg to apply, that the same privilege be granted them, as granted to the Detroit River fishermen during close season this year.

There is this difference between the two Rivers. In the Detroit River, the white fish will be caught, and many thousands of them be placed in the ponds, where they will spawn.

In the Niagara River, the white fish do not come into the ^{mouth of} Niagara River until after they have spawned. Consequently, if the permission is granted, the white fish will not be caught during the spawning time.

With due respect

Yours sincerely

J. Macdonald

John Macdonald
P.O.

Sir,

13. October 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith, my account, and diary, for the quarter ending 30th day of September last amounting to.

Please add. - Voucher \$80 1. - For postages. - 2.42.
 " " 2. " Telegraphs 2.27,
 " " 3. " Stationery. - 1.90,
 " " 4. " Office Rent. - 5.00.
 " " 5. " Witness fees. - 5.00.
 " " 6. " Constables fees. 5.00,
 Total. \$111.44c

This amount you will please observe is a small increase of \$19.704 over the corresponding quarter last year, which I beg to account for, by the special duty I performed on the River Credit and its branches. And the paying of Witness fees, to forward the ends of justice, in the J. L. Standford case, Gladders Creek, Dundas. - -

You will please observe that I travelled 1468 miles during the quarter, that I was 32 days actively engaged. The amount would be about 6¢ per mile all round.

I am using my best economy consistent with the efficient discharge of my duty to keep down expenses, and with due respect

Yours, Minister,
 H. H. H.

I Have &c.
 John D. Kerr
 J.D.

W. Kerr

Niagara, 9. Oct 1877. -

I spoke to John B. Kerr (and his brother Charles was present) to remove the lumber as I wished to put up a Boat House, and he replied that he would not, as he was going to put up one himself -- as the lumber was there for that purpose. - - You had better come down immediately, as I wish to put up the Boat House as soon as possible. -

Yrs &c. &c.

Read, Copied, and Submitted to
 the Hon^{ble} The Minister. -

Thomas Moir,
 Secy J.D. -

13. Oct. 1877.

Sub.

13. October 1877,

In submitting for your consideration, and adjudge-
ment the ~~case of~~ ^{case of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Thomas Moir, licensee fish-~~
erman of the ground referred to; I have the honor to report;
That Messrs. Thomas Elliott and Thos. Moir, the complain-
ant occupy; That portion of the Niagara River, and Lake On-
tario, situated between the Bark House on the River Niagara
and Kennedy's Hollow, in Lake Ontario; a distance of about
two miles in front of the Town of Niagara; in the County
of Lincoln, and Province of Ontario; and extending outward
from the beach to the boundary line, in the said River Niagara
and Lake Ontario."

And in doing so, they have always endeavoured to
keep the beach free from dead fish, fish offal, &c., by bury-
ing them - While John Bolton, referred to, has been acting in
contravention of the Fisheries Act, as recent reports will have
shown you. - And until he forced himself thereon."

On receipt of the letter attached, I telegraphed Mr. Thos. Elliott
Niagara: - When John Bolton, from me, that he can build no
Boat House on your license land without per-
mission from Fisheries Department - at Ottawa. - Send me by
mail your license, for this year at once. - - -

Yours faithfully, - E. O. -

I was at Niagara, about ten days ago, Mr. Moir,
asked me if he might build a boat house, beside his fish
house, I told him yes! he might do so, the beach was for
the accommodation of Reels, &c. boat houses, and for small
houses to store fish in, by the licensees of fishery. - - -

On Mr. Moore, requesting John Bolton, to remove some
lumber, that he had on the beach, to make it a nuisance, that
he Moore might build here a Boat House, - his Bolton
reply is a blunt refusal. - - -

At the time Bolton was fined, for putting the fish
offal, in the Niagara River, Mr. Thomas Moir, was a good
witness, hence the dominating attitude, and has feeling Mr.
John Bolton, has towards Moir. - - -

John Bolton, has his own seine hauling ground with
half a mile of beach his fish house, shanty and Reel
out at the two mile Creek, Lake Ontario, but all this,
does not appear to be sufficient for him. - he will domineer
and annoy and invade the fishing beach of Mr. Thos.
Moir, - principally because he withstood against him. - - -

My reading the attached Notice I sent Mr. John Bol-
ton, on the 6th day of August last, and another Notice dated
11th of August, herewith, I had posted up in Niagara;
Mr. Bolton, has been treated very leniently by me and the
Licensees of this fishing beach now referred to. - - -

Before advising Mr. Thos. Moir, to take

action in the matter, I beg to submit the enclosed particulars so that you may yourself judge the manner of them. Mr John Bolton is.

Hon. Minister,

And with due respect

I Have &c,

John W. Kent

B.O.

Sir,

11. October 1877.-

I beg most respectfully to report, for your information after inspection made by me of Duffin Creek, Township of Pickering from the Village to the Lake Ontario, that I deem it advisable and most essential to have five small hills of gravel and sand accumulated in the bed of the River south of the Railway Bridge removed by shovelling it out, immediately. -- They are joined in the rapids, where a portion of the Salmon usually spawn, and their removal at a very trifling expense will add very materially to the space required for this particular place for the Salmon to spawn in. ---

It will be necessary to engage Mr John Gordon by and his son Wm D. Gordon, of Duffin Creek, to care watch and protect the Salmon during the spawning time, and until the Salmon retire from the stream to the Lake altogether, after spawning. ---

I have engaged them accordingly, at the same rate as last season. -- But in addition to this, I beg to recommend that Mr John Miles, of Pickering, be engaged to watch the mouth of this Creek, I believe him to be a very reliable, and trustworthy. The Creek is free from saw dust, and in fine condition, but no Salmon have yet made their appearance there. --

As this present blow and rain is good Salmon weather, the fish may daily or any make their appearance. -- I feel in my mind that this will be a good Salmon season, in this Creek, hoping the arrangements I have made and have in progress will meet your approval. --

Hon. Minister,

I Have &c,

John W. Kent

B.O. --

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11. October 1877.

With reference to Salmon spawning in Stinson Creek, Township of Scarborough; My opinion is very doubtful in the matter. -- Although the streams have risen within the last 3 days, from continued rain, and are still rising from the effects of heavy rains, still the mouth of this Creek continues closed up.

And I have to report with much reluctance, that I do not deem it advisable that any person should be engaged this fall to watch this Creek. --

If any Salmon should make their appearance there, I will hear of it immediately. --

The matter, however, is submitted for your consideration, and approval, irrespective of my own views in the matter. --

And with due respect,

Hon. Minister

H. H. H.

I have the

honor to

Yours

Dundas Market -

Hamilton Times. -



Herring and Pike Spearing Licenses.

Department of Marine and Fisheries,
FISHERIES BRANCH,
Ottawa, 9th October, 1877.

LICENSES to SPEAR HERRINGS from 10th November to 15th December, and LICENSES to SPEAR PIKE from 1st January to 31st March, in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh, will be issued on application to the Local Fishery Overseer, (J. W. KERR, ESQ.)

By Order,
W. F. WHITCHER,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,
Fisheries Branch,
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W. F. WHITCHER,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

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of 12. Oct. 1877. --

private and confidential. --

My dear Harry. --

I will leave here by the Train on Sunday next at 11.30 o'clock. a.m., as I want to see what is going on, up and down the River at Greenston. --

Will you be please to meet me, say, about 1/2 past 1 o'clock p.m., at the Suspension Bridge next Sunday, when the Train arrives there. --

I will want your Nephew so please apprise him accordingly. --

Yr. paternally,
John D. Kerr
Greenston.

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John D. Kerr
Greenston.

Let.

15. October 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge for your information that I deem it expedient, that Mr Henry Moon of Grubbs should be engaged at once to guard and fire on the Rouge during the spawning season of \$40. - - -

There are two Wood drifts, that I consider ought to be removed at once, one drift is in the Little Rouge, the usual spawning grounds. - - And the other is in the Big Rouge near George, Horstons. - - - Salmon cannot get up these streams well until these obstructions are removed. - - -

I would therefore recommend that \$40, be paid Mr Moon for his services in faithfully guarding the Salmon and removing the obstructions referred to. - - The Mouth of the Rouge is small just at present, as compared with former years at this season of the year. - - -

I recommend this matter for your immediate consideration and approval, as I have notified Mr Moon, to hold himself in readiness, in fact have engaged him to enter on duty at once, subject to your decision, and approval. - - -

Hon. Minister

I have &c
John W Kent

T.O.

My dear Mr Jordan,

Yours just received, on the day after we parted, I made my report, and recommended your engagement, and your sons, &c, to which I receive your reply: - Copy -

And so the matter now stands, however! it is not that Mr S. Wilnot, will ignore my arrangements. It is a good thing, that no Salmon have made their appearance. I recommended a small grant for securing the gravel and sand referred to. - - -

The moment I get a final answer I will either run down again, or telegraph and write -
With kind regards.

Yours sincerely
John W Kent

P.S.

Salmon will not come into Creek until near full of the Moon. - Perhaps they have been all caught in Wilnots pound net. - Set yours, W. Carter, Esq.

Sir,

10. Oct. 1877,

I beg to report, that after my inspection made, I respectfully recommend that Mr. Jas. Story of Whitley be engaged again this fall to protect Salmon in Lyons Creek, during spawning time, subject to your approval. -- The mouth of this Creek is in splendid condition. The bar that heretofore shut up the mouth of this Creek, is gone away and the appearance there now is very pleasing. --

There is however at present two obstructions in the Creek, between the base line and the mouth, L. Ontario, that requires to be immediately removed at a small cost. --

Two Dogs have settled down on to the bottom of the Creek, making it impossible for Salmon to ascend the stream to the rapids and spawning grounds until the obstructions are removed. --

I think it also advisable, that some barrier should be temporarily placed at the Kingston Road Bridge, so as to prevent the Salmon from going any further up the stream. -- Good gravel and rapids and a sufficiency of water being in abundance between the G. S. Ry. and this Bridge, for spawning purposes. --

I beg to recommend that a sum of \$35, be allowed for the protection of this Creek. -- and for cutting out, and removing the Dogs referred to. --

I have a much better Salmon opinion at present of this (Lyons) Creek, than I had a week ago. --

I beg to recommend that you will be pleased to sanction what I do here present for your perusal. --

The Creek is entirely free from saw dust.

And with due respect,

I Have &c

John W. Kent

J. O. --

Hon. Minister,

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D. H. H.

My dear Friend

Yours received, be so good as to let me know the place the small white fish are landed at, and I will be there, and seize them, when they land - Many thanks for your information, I will not make my appearance at Niagara until after I catch them.

With kind regards to Mr. Cantwell,

Mr Jas. Cantwell,
Fisherman,
Niagara, Onto.

Yrs. Sincerely,
John W. Kerr
D.O.

13. Oct. 1877.

My dear Sir

Yours received, I have laid every thing before the Fisheries department at Ottawa, - And in a few days when I hear from them, will run down at once.

My kind respects to Mr. Elliott and family and believe me very sincerely,

Mr Thomas Elliott
Fisherman
Niagara

John W. Kerr

D.O. 13. Oct 1877.

P.S. I received your letter of 8th Oct.

My dear Sir

On receipt of this notice - You will please discontinue to open the mouth of Lyons or Lyons Creek, - Mr. Samuel Wilmut, and the Fisheries department do not consider it necessary to go to further expense in doing so, as regards the spawning of Salmon therein during this fall, - And with my best regards.

James Story Esq
Whitby, Onto

Yrs. Sincerely,
John W. Kerr
D.O.

25. Oct 1877.

12, Oct 14 1877.
 I am just in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, and I am glad to hear from you. -- Please let me have the names of the two Hamilton men you allowed to pass through your fingers & who took leg hairs.

It is as utterly impossible for me to get help, so must not feel disappointment in consequence. --

Who is this Mr Eagle of Newton, who has erected a fish pond, and has himself and another person caught with hook and line 200, Speckled Trout during close season, I presume; in Contumacious of the Fisheries Act. --

By what right or authority have they been breaking the law; please give me at once all the particulars, with date, and the name of the place where caught; --

The death of 22 fish plainly shows the illegality of the thing. --

In reply to your application in behalf of Mr Eagle, who wants to net in the waters of the River Credit for 200 hundred Speckled Trout more, and that you should like me to inform you, whether you should permit him to net for them or not, and that while netting he desires you to be present. --

You will excuse me for drawing your attention to the oath of office you have taken, as yourself, see Sub Section 2. of Section 1. of the Fisheries Act. --

Thus! you see you can neither permit him, nor yet accompany him! He only wants your presence as a cloak, to cover him, while breaking the law. --

And for Mr Eagle, and his confederate, have the written permission and sanction of the Minister. The Minister, he cannot fish, for, Catch, Kill, buy, sell or possess Speckled Trout during close season. --

Whether they be alive or dead, between the 15th of September, and the 1st of May; -- refer to your instructions, received by you from the department, a copy of which I sent you myself. --

My reference to section 15, and to Sub Section 2. of Section 15, of the Fisheries Act; you will find that without the written permission of the Minister, Mr Eagle nor no person else can obtain Speckled Trout, for the purpose referred to, so that in all cases of the kind; there is only alternative, prosecute and prove it down immediately, by the strong arm of the law, no matter who the offenders may be. --

I have no power, to give liberty to any one, to commit an unlawful act, neither have you,

The Minister alone is empowered by the law referred to, so you, and I, must just view the offence as it is. -

We have no power to sanction the eagle illegal fisher. And I see no alternative left us, that is you and I, but to put Secute him and his friend: "For catching 200, speckled trout, during close season, and for killing 22 of them. - -

It is now about the time, during the close season for these fish now spawning, that so much destruction is committed by the eagle and the dove, &c. &c, and you should give your close and active attention to spawning streams continually, you are employed to protect, shut your eyes on no man, who breaks the law. - -

Write and please post me at once. - - Tell me where at Weston I can find the eagle, and I will go and see him - and with my warm regards to Mr. St. and your son,

Yours sincerely,
John W. Kent
St. Andrews.

Andrew Hughson Esq.
Bishop's Oversee. -
Orangeville: - -

Monday, 15. October 1877.

Heard from Isaac Mills. Today - that Dundas had got a patent of Dundas Marsh, from the Lord of the Fee. to, and the papers were produced and read at the meeting held at John McDermott on the 12th October, at 3 o'clock pm.

Thursday, the 18th of October, met Mr. Thomas Mann, M.P. - and had a long conversation with him about the speaking in W. Bay, and the Dundas Marsh. Say up to the 20th of April next, and at the rate of \$1. for all the speaking. - - Thence to Toronto, 18th.

Friday 19, October 1877.

At Toronto, thence to Whitby, saw Mr. Jones, Story, see my report, thence to Ruffin Creek, see my report, thence to Port Union - (see my report, we out 8, a.m., came in at 11, p.m. Miles 85, and Ry fare of 2.00, 40 B: 3.50, dinner tea and bed 1.25.

Sir,

18 Oct 1877.

In obedience to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to send you herewith a memorandum of the claims of Mr James Cahill, of this Magistrate, and other parties in connection with the suits brought by me, against Mr J. S. Stanford and other residents in the Town of Shelburne for polluting the waters of Shelburne Creek, Deerpark, &c.

1. To <u>James Cahill</u> Police Magistrate.	\$ 4.
for memorandum	8. 00.
2. To <u>Thomas McDonough</u> for do.	10. 75.
3. To <u>Thomas Littlehales</u> , Gas Manager of the City of <u>Hamilton</u> - see report.	2. 00.
4. To <u>R. R. Waddell</u> Solicitor - who prosecuted cases against <u>MacIntyre</u> , and <u>Stanford</u> convicted, the first 10, and the latter 20.	8. 00.
and costs. -	

Total \$34. 75

Besides your dollars, which I paid witnesses, which you have already refunded me, making in all the sum of \$39. 75 of outside of my personal expenses, which would have been paid only for the interference of persons who retard my operations in discharging my legitimate duties. -

The defendant should be made pay all legal costs, and half the fines when Mr J. S. Littlehales, and Waddell, would be compensable, without charging the amount to the fishing department.

I Have &c

John W. Kent
D.O.

Saturday 20, Oct: 1877.
at Port Union, Toronto and Hamilton saw Henry Moon, see report. - Went out 9, A. M., came in at 4, P. M., miles 60. Ref fare \$1.55. Breakfast and dinner 00¢. - Mile, 60

Hamilton, Onto

My dear Sir,

18. October 1877. -

Mr Thomas Moir, a licensed fisherman - Niagara: having complained of you to the Hon^{ble} the Minister for Fisheries on his fishing ground, by having lumber thereon, which you refused to remove; the same being on the beach of the Niagara River, in the Town of Niagara, and County of Lincoln. -

The Hon^{ble} the Minister directs me to inform you as follows;

If Mr Bolton continues to encroach upon Moir's fishing limits after being duly warned; the latter's simplest course is to bring an action for trespass before a local Magistrate - Mr Kirby - for assistance.

Mr John Bolton

Niagara,

Onto

Yrs Truly, -

John H. Kent

My dear Sir,

In continuation of my former letter to Mr Thomas Moir, of the 13th inst^t, I have to inform you, that the following is the decision of the department in answer to my report. - Copy, - Ottawa, 16. October 1877. -

Sir,

"With reference to the dispute between Thomas Moir, and John Bolton, this department desires that you shall take no further active steps in the matter, unless some new features turn up, of which you will please keep this department advised". - "The quarrel seems to be of a trivial nature arising out of mutual jealousy".

"If Bolton continues to encroach upon Moir's fishing limits after being duly warned; the latter's simplest course is to bring an action for trespass before a local Magistrate, - Mr Kirby - for assistance".

This being the Minister's decision, the course is now laid down for you to pursue. - Mr Kirby will no doubt attend to Mr Bolton for you, if you think it advisable to proceed against him. -

I will move the license, whenever you bring Jack up; I have given Mr John Bolton my telegraph warning; and how has he taken it. - I send you herewith a few words, which you will please hand to Mr John Bolton, and with my kind regards. -

Yrs Truly, Thomas Elliott

Thomas Moir,

Fishing

Niagara.

Yrs Sincerely,

John H. Kent

22, October 1877.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 19th instant, in relation to the Costs incurred, in suits brought by me against certain persons resident in the Town of Dundas. - For polluting Mordous Creek, & &, in which you ask me; Will you please mention to whom your letter alludes when you state that these Costs would have been paid by the parties themselves "had it not been" for the interference of persons who retard my active operation in discharging my legitimate duties? -

In reply, I have no hesitation in giving you the names of Mess^{rs} Browning and Beggs, Solicitors in Dundas.

And with due respect,

Yours sincerely,
H. H. H.

I have &c

John W. Kerr

D. C.

Note! please read sub-section 3, of section 16, of the Fisheries Act.

John W. Kerr

D. C.

My dear Sir,

29, October 1877.

I have just written to Mr. Bunting the Magistrate complaining of Doctor Lewis, & &.

I have also complained to the Government of them. - Be very careful both you and your son, be incessant in your duties, and don't fail to keep the diary. -

Have you lowered the rapid below the Bridge and taken some of the stone away that I pointed out to you. -

Did the water go down the waste gate on yesterday, did any salmon go up there, and did you examine and see that they returned into deep water again. - You cannot be too particular. -

John Jordan Esq
Haffin's Creek.

Y^{rs} sincere
John W. Kerr

D. C.

Postage 34. - Telegraphs 50.

I have the honor to

parent

regard to Lyons or Lynds Creek; and that I had better to secure James Story's services, for 3 weeks, commencing about the 18th or 20th of this month. The pay not to exceed \$20, including the removal of all obstructions in the stream. I have to report that I proceeded to Whitby on Friday the 19th instant, and on reading over to Mr Story, the clause of your letter relating to Lynds Creek, he expressed himself dissatisfied at the sum of money fixed by Mr Wilnot, and he said that even of \$30, was too small. As the mouth of this Creek has been ~~closed~~ again, and having now obtained Mr S. Wilnot's mind on the Salmon capacity of Lynds Creek, I have no longer any hesitation in recommending that no Guardian be employed on Lynds Creek, during this fall.

I had no Salmon to report in Lynds Creek last fall.

Duffin's Creek. -- On the afternoon of the 19th instant, after I made an inspection of a portion of this Creek, to satisfy myself whether Salmon have yet come into the Creek, I came to the conclusion none had yet come in, and up to Friday night last no fish have been seen on the rapids nor spawning beds. The water is low.

I afterwards saw Mr John Gordon Sr and I read over to him the clause of your letter, in reference to him and his son being employed as Guardians, at \$20, or \$25 each, instead of \$100 and \$130, as in previous years.

In reply Mr John Gordon, Sr declined to accept Mr S. fixed remuneration. I deemed a third party necessary to protect the mouth of Duffin's Creek, hence, the reason why I made the recommendation. (1) Mr John Gordon Sr and his son were appointed, or rather engaged last fall, at the reduced rate of \$86, jointly last fall.

Mr John Gordon Sr after some persuasion on my part consented to discharge the duty (as one) for \$40, during spawning season for Salmon. -- and I told him I would recommend that sum being granted to him, -- I did not see Mr J. Gordon, his son, nor any other person, for the

season, for the purpose of guarding Duffin's Creek, for \$20, or 25, say at the rate of 80¢ per day, 80¢ per night, sometimes lying on, and sometimes walking about the banks of the river, during inclement weather.

John Gordon and his son, guarded Duffin's Creek last fall, faithfully for the sum of \$86. -- jointly, as the duty was well done and one Salmon was killed, and taken from there, as I recently just heard, -- and for which a prosecution, is now, or will be soon

in frequency. . . .
 Mr. W. A. Jordan if it is found that salmon come
 into the creek, also report \$1.50 per month. . . .

I have no remark to make on Mr. S. Wilmut's low
 estimate of good and honest men's services - "for protecting
 a stream deserving of protection?"

It is only because I considered it necessary, that
 I alluded to the "hills of gravel" being removed from the
 bed of this Creek, south of the Railway Bridge. - No one
 applied for the job, if the department and Mr. S. Wilmut
 are satisfied that things shall be left as he removed
 them, why! I am perfectly satisfied also. . . .

The Range. I made it my business to see Henry Moon,
 who resides on the Range, and who knows the Salmon
 grounds, and I read to him, the clause of your letter in
 reference to the protection of this stream, "said to be frequented
 by Salmon, and requires a guardian from 20th October,
 to 20th November." -

In reply, I beg to state that Mr. Henry Moon, declines
 the Guardianship at either \$20.00 or \$25, which would be
 about 80¢ per day, and per night for 32 days &c.

He told me he can do better. - The man who serves
 under me as Guardian, must do his duty henceforth,
 faithfully. - Such being the case, perhaps I should
 urge nothing further to the department, and if Mr. S.
 Wilmut will be satisfied, that no guardian be ap-
 pointed for the Range at all during this fall, why just
 let it be so, and I will be satisfied, at once with his views,
 Mr. W. A. Jordan, a wealthy farmer, whose property bounds
 the Range from the Kingston Road, to the Lake, on both
 sides might be induced to engage as Guardian at
 \$40. - When I might say without any hesitation that
 the parent Salmon of the Range will be well pro-
 tected. . . .

My report on the Range last year, altho' slow,
 is however, better than previous years, as regards a few
 parent Salmon, being in there, and in Lake Ontario, near
 the mouth of the Range. . . .

In order that you may know that I am deeply in-
 terested still in Duffin's Creek where I discovered parent
 Salmon, long since Mr. S. Wilmut, is reported to have put
 160,000. Salmon fry there. - I shall make nocturnal
 visits myself for the protection of this Creek. - It
 will never do, to leave Duffin's Creek unprotected. . . .

Unless all the parent Salmon, have been caught off,
 in the Round Hets, set during this current season in
 Lake Ontario, parent Salmon should be in Duffin's
 Creek, this week, July 11th today? . . .

Last season, the first Salmon was in D.C.K. on the 16th of October. . . .

No good reliable man will watch all night - under \$1.50¢ per night, and a good many men, ask off 2, per night. . . .

It was witnessed - about Duffin Creek, and the Range Guards and with due respect, -

Wm. Ministoc,
H. H. H.

I have Yr.
John W. Kerr
H.O.

P.S. I would recommend that a few pair of parent Salmon, be sent from the Government Fish Breeding Establishment, Newcastle - to the Range, The Stumber - and The Credit; - so that they may spawn therein. -

Yrs obly
John W. Kerr
H.O.

Wednesday, 24 October 1877.

At Toronto, Whitby, and Duffin Creek, - examined the Creek from the Railway, to the Mouth. John Piles - was with me, examined the Creek carefully, - found Robert Jordan - at his post - Salmon entered the Creek on Friday 19 October, as my observation showed a Salmon had then, - Mr. Jordan reported it the 20th - went out at 2, p. m. Came in at 6, a. m. - 26th Oct 1877. - Miles 88. My fare \$2.00, dinner, tea, 75¢. Horse and Buggy \$1.75, Boatman \$1. - Miles 103, - ~~\$3.75~~ \$5.50

Thursday, 25 October 1877. -

At Duffin Creek, saw one Salmon examine the beds - thence to Toronto, Hamilton, and Home. - My fare \$1.75 & telegraphs 25¢ and 24¢ - Breakfast and dinner 60¢ - Street Railway 30¢. - Miles 60. - Total \$3.14.

My dear Sir,

I have to complain to you, against Doctor Ferrie, and Philip Hodge - residents in Brougham for catching, and killing salmon in Duffin Creek, last November, and for having the same in their possession in Contention of the Fisheries Act. —

I also beg to complain to you, against Thomas Major, Game Keeper - Brougham - and James Major - of Whitemata, a "Harbour" - for having salmon in their possession last November, in Contention of the Fisheries Act. —

Yours respectfully,

John W. Hart

D.O.

29. Oct: 1877.

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Duffin Creek.

My dear Mr. Buntine, —

I deem it advisable to make the complaint herewith - and on hearing from the Fisheries department - Ottawa - I will further advise you, and with my kind and best regards to you, Mrs. and family. Believe me —

Yours respectfully,

John W. Hart

D.O.

29. Oct: 1877.

Friday, 26. October 1877.

at St. Catharines and Niagara, in connection with Tom Moir, fishing ground trespasses on by John Bolton, saw Wm. Kirby kept J. P. on the subject. got all particulars for report of this date to the Hon. the Minister, on the subject, Mr. Kirby. Thos Elliot Thomas Moir, and I came to the conclusion to do nothing until it was known in whom the title of the Beach was. — went out at 8, A. M. came in at 3, P. M. — Miles 46. Railway #1, Meals 15, dinner 40, Horse and Buggy 2.25 — tea and bed 50¢, all about 4.30¢

29. October 1877.
 I have the honor to report that during the early part of November 1876, Thomas Major, Salmon Keeper - Vancouver, invited his brother James Major a farmer of British Columbia to dine with him - when to the surprise of the latter he had a Salmon for dinner...

James Major, told the person, who gave me the information... In this case, I will have to produce one brother against the other... My informant would not go forward... Thomas Major was a Salmon Keeper in Duffin's Creek, about four years ago...

Hon. Ministers.

Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c.

John W. Gordon
 D.O.

29. October 1877.

29. October 1877.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday night the 20th instant, the first Salmon (2.) were observed by Mr. John Gordon, the Guardian on the spawning ground (Rocks) in Duffin's Creek, near the Grand Trunk Railway.

On Wednesday night the 24th instant, I was on the River from 9.30 p.m. until 6. a.m. - the following morning:...

The Salmon had then increased on the beds to four pairs...

You will please observe, that the season was nearly full this year, before the first parent Salmon made their appearance in Duffin's Creek...

The Ice coming down the Creek last spring, formed the gravel hills in the Creek on the rapids, and spawning beds, that I desired to have removed...

I Have &c.

John W. Gordon
 D.O.

Hon. Ministers.

Y. Y. Y.

Saturday 27th October 1877.

at Niagara, St. Catharines and Home - Called the Fishermen together, and read out the Minister's letter respecting the Catching of Small White Fish accidentally caught by them - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. Miles 46. Stage 50¢ Breakfast and dinner 65¢ Railway \$1. Buss 15, and A and B. 1.50.-

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Sir,

29. Oct. 1877.

I have to report, that a short time ago, I received information that Doctor Gerrie, and Philip Stodge of Brougham, caught, killed, and had in their possession a Salmon, they took from Duffin's Creek, during the month of November 1876. - - -

These men were found on the River bank by John Gordon & the Game Warden, who drove them off, they went away but subsequently returned and captured a Salmon. Such is my information. - - -

I will have to examine one against the other to prove the case. - The Game Warden and the Police can prove their presence on the stream. - - And to Mr. Clarke they passed themselves off as belonging to the Fisheries Department. He takes a lot of trouble, and suspect the spawning Salmon in Duffin's Creek. - - -

Please inform me, if they or any body else, had any Authority of the River, during the months of October and November 1876. -

I have &c.
Sincerely
J. O.

Hon. Secretary.

H. H. H.

My dear Sir,

30 October 1877.

Will you be pleased to let me know how many acres of land, there is in the Round Lake, or as it is called Point aux Pins, -

Please state how many there is in the (Municipal) Reserve portion of it, and how many acres there is in that portion of it held by the Local Government. Trants. -

Perhaps! you may be able to send me an old map of it, Mr. George - the Surveyor - could assist you. - - -

If so, you will do me a very great favour. - Believe me,

John McMichael Esq.

J. O.

The Round Lake Office.

Ont.

Yrs. Sincerely,
John W. Biers
J. O.

Mr.

24, December 1877.

I have the honor to report that I notified Mr. John Bolton Fisherman - Niagara; please see No. 1, attached; when I afterwards received from him the answer attached No. 2.

Having been telegraphed for by Thomas Moir, to come to Niagara, immediately and having other business that brought me there. I found on my arrival there last Friday, that a portion of the beach on the Niagara River, for about 40 yards long, is now claimed by Messrs. Thomas Bank, and John Bolton, to the prejudice of the present licensees there, altho' Mr. Thomas Elliott, Fisherman - Niagara, by himself under Lease of Fishery, dated 27. day of April 1862, occupied the ground ever since, that is to say: "From the Niagara Dock Company's wharf, to the west line of the Government Reserve, at Niagara, in the mouth of the Niagara River."

And ever since 1862, Mr. Thomas Elliott has had an Annual license of the same fishing ground, and up to this date.

The late Charles Roddy, deceased, and Mr. Gato of Toronto, for a portion of the time, since 1865, occupied this fishing ground jointly, with Mr. Thomas Elliott.

The late Roddy is Mr. Gato's boat, and the Fish House, which is on the Beach, to Thomas Moir, for \$400, each. - - - Since then Mr. Thomas Moir, jointly with Mr. Elliott, has occupied the ground now in dispute, permitting as they did, and still do permit John Bolton, to place his reels on the beach on which to hang up his gill nets, and to haul up his boats on to the beach.

John Bolton not only has had the permission to do so, but he erected a pig pen up against Thomas Moir's Fish House, contrary to Moir's consent, which became a great nuisance not only to Mr. Moir, but to the community. As it is where the pig pen stood, Moir wants to build his boat House, which Bolton objects to, as he claims the place on which to put up a boat House for himself.

I will have to give you more particulars and facts, so as to enable you at once to ascertain from the Ordnance department, Ottawa, - whether Thomas Bank, has any right or title from Govt to the Beach now held in contention by Bank and Bolton, as against Elliott and Moir, holding under a fishing license.

The late Andrew Steron, deceased, of Niagara, held a Lease of say about half an acre of land, west of King street, near and close to the Niagara River. - - - But this half acre of land does not extend on to the fishing beach. The beach being always occupied by the fishermen, and the public.

This 1/2 acre of land, after Steron's death passed to Duncan Malcolm's wife, daughter of Andrew Steron deceased. Duncan Malcolm sold the place to the late Henry Bank, since deceased, and Henry Bank sold to his brother Bros.

who now according to Bolton's letter is now claimant, to the beach property, and for which he does not, and has never paid any consideration to the Gov^t. . . .

Andrew Steron, was to have paid during his life time \$1, per year, and it is supposed his Title to the place died, with him. . . And it is said Thomas Bank, never paid rent to the Government. . .

An Old stable 18x27 feet, partly on the River beach, and partly on the Queens Royal Hotel property, is at present occupied by Bolton. . .

On this half acre, were buildings, that have been burned down, about 3 years ago, the only vestige of anything left, being the stable just referred to; . . . which has no legal right to be now on the fishing ground. . . .

The Queens Royal Hotel Company, of Niagara, however, or the late Captain Dick, (deceased), received from the Gov^t a Licence or Military department, during his life time, a 21 years lease of a block of land, within which the half-acre of land already referred to, is situated. . . . And on which the Queens Royal Hotel was built and now stands. . .

This block of land, say 6 or 8 acres, is completely fenced in, by this Company; so that whatever right or title Thomas Bank, ever had, and Bolton has as Tenant in descent from Andrew Steron, Duncan, Malcolm, &c. &c., is completely wiped out, and set aside by the direct lease of 21 years from the Gov^t to The Queens Royal Hotel Company of Niagara. . . .

The late Captain Dick, who was a friend to the Fisheries, whether he was bound by the Lease of 21 years, or not, to observe the fishing rights on the Niagara River, in front of the Queens Royal Hotel Block, had the fence so constructed and erected, as not to impede the fishing carried on there annually by Messrs Elliot, and Blair, under a Licence from the department. . .

From Morris Fish House, to the beginning of the place claimed by Bank, rented to Bolton is 60 ft. . .

The water in N. River, and the Lake, is at present very low, and from the angle of the Hotel fence, at the North East Corner of King St, Niagara - beside Morris Fish House - to the water's edge is 51 feet, from Morris Fish House to Bolton's stable is 44 yards - and this space is occupied by Bolton's stable - 6 yards, from the Queens Royal Hotel fence; and for this entire distance, are sixth logs and lumber belonging to Bolton. . .

The balance of the beach, to the water's edge, is free to all. . . and the entire beach is still open, and can be travelled to this day from the Niagara Wharf Dock, along the beach to the west line of the Government Reserve at Kennedy's Hollow. . .

Thursday, 1st Nov. 1877.

At Toronto, met the Salmon to see Mr. & Mrs. Hand
and Mr. & Mrs. G. J. about John Russell, selling the
Fishing License - at the House, in Toronto Bay. -
went out at 9.30 a.m. came in at 3.30 p.m. Miles 46.
Railway fare 74. B.B. 1.50. Boat 50. dinner tea
and bed 90. Found White fish, and Salmon Trout 14 =
found for sale. - Heard from Andrew Pat. that he had
sold all the fish he had received from Collingwood,
before close season. - Altho' he had a letter from Mr.
James Patton, B.O. - that he might be there. - He 4th 5.90.

Friday, 2nd Nov. 1877. -

At Toronto Island - Thence to the City - it was very
stormy when coming over. - Thence to the Dock, Market
see selling White fish and Salmon Trout. - Thence to
Port Credit - saw Jim Wilcox - about Salmon in the
River Credit. - went out at 9.30 a.m. came in at 3.30,
p.m. - Miles 43. By 1. - Breakfast and dinner 65. -
B.B. 1.50. 115. Stationery 50. Telegraphs 37.

My dear Sir,

Having submitted your letter to me, to
the Fisheries department, Ottawa. - in regard to the
dispute between you, and Thomas Moir, - about a
portion of the beach on the Niagara River. - Town of
Niagara.

I beg to send you the answer I have received,
and I hope you will in the mean time govern
yourself accordingly. -

Respectfully

Mr. John Bolton,
Fisherman
Niagara - Ont

Wm. H. Allen Esq.
Hamilton Ont
5. Nov 1877.

My dear Gordon, -

You had not written me since I was at Duffin's Creek. What is up? -

I dare say the run of salmon there this year, will be very slim! -

The moment you find the run of salmon has ceased, you will take off your son from watching. - - -

You can yourself, after that keep on, and if a fresh supply were to come in, you would have to put him on again. With kind regards,

John Gordon Esq^r Sr
Guardian..
Duffin's Creek. -

J^m W^m Kerr
D.O.

6. Nov 1877.

This day last year, the salmon left Duffin's Creek. -

Tuesday, 6th November 1877.

+ On W. boat, ... to get up ... on Sunday. - Thence as far as T. H. Cory's - Thence to Fred Morrison in Burlington Heights to issue Licenses for spearing, but no person came there to take out a License. - stopped at Morrisons from 3. until 4.30 p.m. Miles 26. H. and B. 2.50. dinner for 2 50
C. G. Kerr -

Wednesday, 7th November 1877.

+ At Toronto, and Duffin's Creek. - found W^m Gordon on his boat watching the Creek. - with salmon on the beds, - thence to see his father John Gordon, - went out at 2. p.m. came in at 9.30 p.m. - Miles 68. - H. & B. 1.50. Railway fare \$1.80. Tea and bed 65¢
Exp 3.95¢

Thursday 8th November 1877. - -

+ Examined Duffin's Creek. found two salmon in rapids below the Tumbling Dam - they were under a small cedar tree growing on the bank of stream. I saw them distinctly, within 3 feet of me. - They appeared to be nearly spawned out, - saw several spawning beds. - The water is at present higher than usual in the Creek. - Examined the beds above and below the Railway Bridge. - Thence by Railway to Port Union - a great rain storm coming up, came on home. - Miles 68. Ry fare 1.80. Breakfast and dinner 65¢.

My dear Sir,

Yours received. you may dispose of the gill nets, as you propose. ---

The Fisheries department sent me copy of letter, sent to Mr. Plumb, respecting White fish close season, in the Niagara River, &c. &c. &c. ---

I will be down to get some White fish next week, I hope you will have a good Catch. ---

With kind regards to all, ---

Wm. H. Elliot
Niagara,
Oct 30.

Yrs. sincerely,
John W. Kerr
S.O.

7. November 1877. ---

Saturday, 10. November 1877. ---

At the Heights, and out on B. Bay. - Charles Smith, and City of Hamilton, and Henry Redmond, East Chatham's out spearing, they paid me \$1. each; - went out at 4. p.m. came in at 10. p.m. - Miles 12. Stand Buggy 1.50. J. Kerr with me.

Sunday 11. November 1877. ---

At Suspension Br. Quincaton, and Niagara - found all regular, went out at 10. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. Miles 60. Railway fare 1.40. dinner 40 tea and bed 50 & B. 2.50.

Monday 12. Nov: 1877.

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Stone, - saw Mr. Wm. Kirby J. P. who paid me half the fines on John Bolton, Charles Bolton, Charles Ball, Albert Ball, Ed. Patterson, and Wm. Matthews, fined \$1. each. - got catching. Killing, buying, selling, and having young White fish in their possession in violation of the Fisheries Act. - also had complaint agt John and Charles Bolton. got placing sides and end of Boat House on the fishing Reserve. Mr. Kirby told me Lansing wanted to know from him if he might put up a Boat House on Mr. Elliot and Mr. Kerr's fishing ground. went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. Miles 50. Dinner 40. Railway fare 1.40. Stage 65 &

Tuesday, 13. Nov: 1877.

At the Heights - going James and Harry Summers, and Charles Smith, and George Skuse out attempting to spear, went out at 4.30. p.m. Came in at 10. p.m. Miles 10. Chas. John Kerr with me, - Horse and Buggy 1.50 &

Kingston, 10th November 1877.

W. H. K. Esq.
G.O., St. John's (at St. John's)

I beg leave to state that John Bolton and Charles Bolton brought a Boat House that had been situated on the beach some distance up the Niagara River belonging to Alex^r. Lansing, of Niagara and drew out the sides, and one end on the beach, so as to obstruct in part my building a Boat House which I intended to have put up. -

Yours &c. &c.

Thomas Morris

One of the Lessees of the Fishery at the mouth of Niagara River. - - -

Sir,

11th November 1877.

I have the honor to report that I have just received the answer letter of Complaint against John and Charles Bolton, Fishermen - Niagara, - "for trespass" - made by Mr. Thomas Morris, Licensee of the beach hauling ground, situated in front of the Queen's Royal Hotel Block, on the beach of the Niagara River, set apart as a Reserve, - for fishing purposes. - -

I was informed by Mr. Kirby Esq. J.P. of Niagara, on Monday last, that Mr. Lansing refused to, had been to him, for his opinion about putting up this boat house on the Fishery Reserve alluded to. - -

Mr. Kirby, who is a true friend of the Fishermen &c. &c., told him plainly he must do nothing of the kind. - -

When I received your answer to my report of the 29th ultimo, on this subject, I notified John Bolton, his reply then, as I have since heard was, that he would get Mr. Lansing to fight the Government, and the Government for him. - -

Mr. Kirby, who is a stock holder, - in the Hotel, properly told me, they claim nothing or trade of their fence; hence all the beach in front is a Fishery Reserve. - - John Bolton is so head strong, that I deem it advisable when the Minister returns, to give him a severe check and reprimand. - -

I Have &c

Hon. Minister

John W. Kent
G.O.

St.

14, November 1877,

I have the honor to report that being at the St. Catharines Station of the Great Western Railway, on Monday last, when the Toronto Train arrived there, from Buffalo, I saw three barrels of White fish on Sale on Train, put off for St. Catharines dealers.

One of the barrels was so badly packed the bottom knocked out of it, and the fish therein appeared fresh, and as if caught during close season.

These fish came from Collingwood and Toronto, on Monday - and were shipped by Andrew Port, fish dealer - and Arthur Clarke - fish dealers - Collingwood. Monday was the 12th instant, the close season terminated on Saturday, the 10th instant, day at 12 o'clock mid. night. These barrels intervened, so that you will please observe that these fish being fresh, must have been illegally caught, fished for, and possessed by them, during the close season.

I Have &c.

Yours faithfully,
H. H. H.

John W. Hart
D.O.

My dear Sir,

I have read in the News paper, and I heard from James Cahill Esq^r Police Magistrate, that you have been placarded over the Town of Dundas.

Will you be so good as to send me one of the placards. - and oblige
Y^{rs} truly,

John W. Hart

Duke of York.

Hawthorn, Ont.

17 Nov. 1877.

Telegraphs 50.

James Cahill Esq^r
Police Magistrate
Dundas.

Ed.

11. 11. 1877.

I have the great regret that on Monday the 12th instant Mr. John Davis - Fish Dealer - Hamilton - returned from Chatham Ont. collecting and who keeps a wholesale fish for sale White Fish and Salmon Trout in Toronto. - Just barrels of White Fish and Salmon Trout - in form an exhibition closely made by Mr. Davis, in my view I have no hesitation in stating that your fish very much appreciated - must have been caught during these season. -

I do really think that this course of proceeding is not only illegal but it is very unfair and causes discontent among the fishermen of my division who have not fished yet, caught fish and in possession White Fish and Salmon Trout during the last season. -

The season is so short only ten days - that I do think it should be vigilantly kept and enforced at the places where these fish are caught. -

Yours sincerely

John W. Key

T.O.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 11th inst. I have forwarded the same to the Fisheries Department Ottawa. -

You will please get for me the Locust Road from W^hamphlet and keep them until I can view. -

I hope you are all in good health. -

After I saw you this morning I left Niagara last, Mr. W^herby. J. M. told me Mr. Lansing had been to him for leave to put up the West House when he was asked to become what he was about! that you are then allowed a license of the ground and he could not put up a West House without authority from Fisheries Department. -

The fishing Commission will shortly close in Halifax N. Scotia - when this case and many others now pending will be disposed of by the Minister on his return. -

Mr. W^herby told me the Queen's Royal Hotel Company, claim no part of the River beach, and that even so he has no right on the River beach at all where the dispute is centered. - That he would like you to see - you have the entire control under your position until the Minister's decision or instruction is received by me.

John W. Key

T.O.

Mr. Thos Ellis Esq

Windsor

11. Nov 1877.

at

Nov. 10, 1877.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Monday evening last the Phila. & Bates Fish Dealer Hamilton received from Port and White Fish from the Hudson, a quantity of Lake Trout. That from the very pale appearance indicates they had been just recently caught during those season...

... before for some fishmen to let out during those season and fish up instantly those season before he as to refresh his dealers customers. In the case it could not be done without breaking the Sabbath observance Act as well as the Fisheries Act.

Southampton on Lake Huron, where these fish were shipped from to New York City Hamilton is 149 miles.

Thanks to Mr. E. Houghton General Manager of the Great Western Railway for an order by the C. & O. Agents and Conductors not to receive any more Lake Trout during the close season.

Yours truly,

John H. Kent

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Thursday 13, Nov: 1877. -

At the Heights all regular - C. J. Kent with me.

Saturday 14, Nov: 1877. -

At the Heights got three dollars from Fred's store for John J. Barker #1. West Blenheim. - Samuel Blatt #1. East Blenheim, Alvan Barker #1. East Blenheim, and from John Anderson for James English #1. Water town - sent out at 5. p.m. came in at 10. p.m. miles 10. 144 B. 1.50 C. J. Kent with me.

Sunday 20, Nov: 1877. -

At the Heights and Charles J. Kent saw a rail boat at - was at Lake Thompson, got rope from John Trapp to reach for my boat stolen on May 1876. - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 10.30 p.m. miles 30. 144 B. 1.50, C. J. Kent. Saw Barker and John Spigel. East Blenheim pair #1. each.

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20. Nov: 1877

I have the honor to report to you the Toronto Evening Post of the 22nd inst., that Ashbridges bay, and the small situated back of the Toronto Bay in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, is about to be sold, and a patent granted to the purchaser by the Government.

I would strongly recommend that you will be present in the sale that is about to take place, to see, as it is, a cause that the fishing rights are fully observed, and that a chain from the water edge on the Toronto bay, down to the shore, and the Bay to the gap in the reserve for fishing purposes.

Remember that one chain from the gap to Leslie's is reserved also for fishing purposes, all along the south side of the shore from the edge of the forest of Lake Ontario.

It is most important, that this reserve of one chain should be maintained for fishing purposes. The local Govt is meant.

Yours sincerely,
H. H. H.

I thank you,
Yours truly,
J. O.

Wednesday 21st Nov: 1877.

At 10 o'clock for some ropes and to see J. H. Corey - went out at 2.30 p.m. - home to the Bay - some all night - C. J. Kern with me - It. and B. 1.50 - 20.

Thursday 22. Nov: 1877.

At 10 o'clock, waiting for J. H. Corey - he did not come out at 9. A. M. came in at 2. p.m. At 4 P. 1.50 C. J. Kern with me - miles 8. - (No charge)

Constable McDonough.

To the Editor of the Times:

DEAR SIR,—Your article of Friday, the 9th inst., referring to the attempt at "Undermining Constable McDonough," has been universally endorsed by the law-abiding and fair-dealing people of Dundas, who quite agree with you in stamping this attempt as cowardly and mean. During the time that he has been constable of this town Mr. McDonough has discharged his duty without fear, favor or affection, making no distinctions of creed or nationality, and although by so doing he may have incurred the enmity of evil doers, he has earned the admiration and esteem of the right-minded, who are prepared to sustain the general conduct of Mr. McDonough with a will and to defend him against the malicious and underhanded attacks of the opponents of law and order.

I am prepared at any necessary time to furnish proof to substantiate my statements in regard to the ability and popularity of our constable and to show how little one at least of the Dundas Council cares for the threats of cowardly calumniators. I have no hesitation in signing myself,

A DUNDAS COUNCILLOR.

Dundas, Nov. 14, 1877.

I have the honor to apply to you for the Standard
Blank Spearing Licenses; To be issued when called for to
persons who purpose to spear in Dundas Marsh, Burlington
Bay, and Ashbridges Bay, this Season. --

So far ten persons have taken out spearing licenses
The weather is stormy, and the water is discoloured.

I send you a Copy of License, as issued by me,
and with due respect,

Hon. Minister,
Q. V. F.

I have &c.
John W. Kerr
M.C.

Wednesday 28. Nov 1877.

In B. bay, Constable Littlehales with me, Edward and Fred
Kerr, found Robert Williams, Thomas Burke and Peter McPhail out
on the Bay spearing. -- John Phillips also who paid me his dollar, --
Was at the Valley Dam; found Jack Quail and Robert Little at Co-
rolls point, -- was east of the Hospital -- went out at 5. p.m. came
in at 12.30, a.m. Miles 20. Cost: Joe -- Edward Kerr -- and Fred
Kerr -- paid expenses \$5. John Phillips paid \$1. each
for spearing license. --

Thursday, 29. November 1877. --

At the Police Court, Robert Williams fined \$5, and Costs. --
he paid me \$1. for License fee -- I gave him back his spears. --
Got summonses for Thomas Burke, and Peter McPhail for
spearing without a license in B. bay. -- Fined \$25 each.

Charles Beaves -- paid me one dollar, for a license to
spear. -- Stated that Robert Hamilton, speared with John
Phillips on night of 27th November. -- Miles 8.

Contd. 29, November 1877. --

At B. bay -- and got License fees from Robert Hamilton
and Wm. Drever -- They had been out spearing without
a license and were complained, searched for Herring
gill nets. -- found none. -- Charles John Kerr with me
went out at 4. p.m. came in at 10. p.m. -- Miles 14.
\$4 B. 1.50, -- C. J. Kerr 1.50. --

Friday, 30. Nov 1877. --

Got out summonses for Richard Gualding, Robert Ham-
ilton -- and Wm. Drever, for fishing without a license in
B. bay. -- Also went on the Bay, and examined for
g. nets. -- Ric. Gualding paid me \$1. for license
Edward and J. Kerr with me -- Walking
went out at 4. p.m. came in at 2 a.m.
Miles about 16 -- Boat -- \$1.50.

Sir.

1st December 1877. —

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank
cheque No. 172, for the sum of eight dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount to
spearing Sterring. &c, in Dundas Marsh, and B. bay,
for season of 1877, and 8, as more fully shown in my
letter of 27th of November last, as follows:

11. Richard Gauding, Hamilton, — — —	\$1.00.4
12. Wm. Drees, — — —	do. — 1.00.
13. Robert Hamilton, — — —	do. — 1.00.
14. John Phillips, — — —	do. — 1.00.
15. Charles Bramer. — — —	do. — 1.00.
16. Robert Williamson. — — —	do. — 1.00.
17. William Yakes. — — —	do. — 1.00.
18. John Yakes. — — —	do. — 1.00.
19. Mathew Thompson, Hamilton, — — —	Free. — — —

He has given me important information. —

With due respect,

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,
J. W. Kerr

J. W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

+ Saturday 1st December 1877. —

Attending Police Court. Robert Hamilton, Wm. Drees
and Richard Gauding (for the 12) gave \$2 each
and \$2.75 each costs — the latter \$1. and \$1.75 costs. —

Went on the Bay. That night found all regu-
lar, went out at 4.30 p. m. Came in at 12. m. Night,
fishes about 20. — Boat. \$4.00 1.50 Ed and Frederick
Kerr with me. —

+ Monday 3. December 1877. —

On B. bay. — Lewis Mills, John Blaine, Charles Blaine,
Black Lyons, Wm. Lyons, James Smith and John Bamberger
paid license fees. I heard that the Smokes have a
Blaine the Campbell and Charles Bramer, had 3 gill
nets, examined the Bay, and along the shore for
the same. — Fred^r Kerr and L. J. — on with
me also about Cook's old wharf. He —
did not give anything, went out at 4. p. m.
Came in at 4. a. m. — Miles about 20.
Boat — \$4.00 — 1.50. —

Dec 4

4. December 1877.

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque No 198 for the sum of Eleven dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for spearing licenses issued to fish in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, for season of 1877 and 8. --- as follows:

20. John Biers. Hamilton. Ontario			\$1.00 +
21. Brock Lyons. West Glamboro.	do.		1.00.
22. William Lyons.	do.	do.	1.00.
23. Lewis Mills.	do.	do.	1.00.
24. John Mallin.	do.	do.	1.00.
25. John Mambages.	Quebec.	do.	1.00.
26. James Garsyth.	do.	do.	1.00.
27. Charles Melou. East Glamboro.	do.		1.00.
28. Wm. Rasberry.	do.	do.	1.00.
29. Edward Frank. Hamilton.	do.	do.	1.00.
30. Rudolph Frank.	do.	do.	1.00.

And with due respect

I have &c.

Hon. Minister
H. H. H.

John W. Kerr
D.O.

Tuesday 4, December 1877.

Edward Frank; Rudolph Frank; and John Biers, paid me, - went up to the Heights - \$4 & 15: 1.50

Wednesday 5, December 1877. -

On M. bay. - Thence to the Heights - Tom Poirie complained to me of Sam. Smoak, and Gabriel Hopkins being out on Tuesday night in M. bay - spearing. They had no license - all the persons named in letter of 6th instant, cheque \$205 - paid me, and went spearing - also H. and W. Stock. Heard that Dan. Young was out spearing. - David Ashbaugh - reported to me for spearing on Monday night, went out at 4 p.m. came in at 11 p.m. - Miles 16, - \$4 & 15: 1.50.

C. and G. and I were with me

I have the honor to send you herewith, the sum of Seven dollars, as per cheque No: 205.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for spearing licenses in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh, for the season of 1877, and 8. - as follows: - - -

31. Wm Bottrell, Ancaster.	Amount.	\$ 1.00 $\frac{1}{4}$.
32. John Bottrell, do.	do	1.00.
33. Wm Ashbaugh, do.	do. -	1.00.
34. George Skuse, Hamilton	do. -	1.00.
35. Shipman Cummings. - W. Glanville. -		1.00.
36. - Mr. Bone	E. Glanville,	1.00
37. - Charles Jones. -	do -	1.00.

Yours with due respect

J. H. Ave. Jr.

Hon: Minister.

Robert W. Jones

Friday, 7th December 1877. -

Attended at the Police Court, Samuel Smoak, and Gabriel Hopkins, being summoned up before James Cahill Esq^r J. P. - they admitted having speared Herring without a license, - and they were each fined 2, dollars, and \$3.50 $\frac{1}{4}$ Costs: - which they paid. - Also went to the Heights and got from Frederick Harrison, one dollar, for David Bickle, and one dollar, for John Lyons - no person out spearing at the Heights - Fred Row with me. -

Went out at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m. came in at 10. p.m. Miles 12. - \$4 B - 1.50. -

Saturday 8. December 1877. -

At Thompsons Boat House - went out at 2. p.m. came in at 7. p.m. B. Row with me. Miles 8. \$4 B. 1.50.

Sir,

14 Dec: 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Cheque No: 245, for the sum of Ten Dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as License for spearing in B. Bay, and Towns as attached. —

38. Christopher Case - Hamilton.	amount	\$1.00
40. George Campbell, East Flamboro,	do.	1.00.
41. Luke Mullock, do.	do.	1.00.
43. David Pickle, Dundas,	do.	1.00.
44. John Lyons, B. West	do.	1.00.

And for Boat License to Thomas's Portage, to fish in Lake Ontario, at Lake Huron, in front of the Township of Lambton. For current year, 5.00
Total \$ 10.00

And with due respect

Yours, obediently

H. H. H.

I have to

John W. Kerr

P.O.

Sunday, 9. December 1877. —

On B. Bay, rapped all around the wharf, up to Rock Bay and Willow Point, then on to the Fitzgerald's Canal found nothing. Had tea in Lake Huron room with one went out at 1:30 p.m. came in at 11:30 p.m. Miles 16. — M.B. — 9.50

Monday 10. December 1877. —

On the Heights and at the depot, application made for a license for Charles Collins of Dundas, went up in town George Campbell and Luke Mullock Jr. speaking — the latter paid me, Campbell — said he would leave a off. for me with Fred's collection — went out at 4.30 p.m. came in at 10. p.m. — Miles 10. M.B. 1.50 Charles J. Kerr with me. —

Tuesday 11. Dec. 1877. —

At Jordan, Clinton, and Grimsby, getting up my return — went out at 8. a.m. came in 9.30 p.m. went by the Height — Railway fare 1.40, dinner 50¢ M.B. 1.30 — Miles 60 — M.B. on the Height 1.50. Charles J. Kerr with me on the Height —

Thursday, 13. Dec: 1877.

at Toronto, and Leslieville getting up my return, it was so stormy, I could not cross to the Island - went out at 6. A.M., came in at 7. P.M., Rail way fare \$2.00, dinner 25, St. B. 1.50 - & 1 - saw Len: Marsh - &c. - - - 92 mile

Sat.

24. Dec: 1877.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank cheque No: 302, for the sum of eight dol-
lars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: -

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| 1. For Boat Licence to Alex: McKee, to fish in, Lake Ontario, off Burlington Beach for year ending 31 st of December 1877. - | \$6.00 |
| 39. Mr Daniel Young, B. Straights. | \$1.00. |
| 42. " Walter Collins, - Dundas. - | \$1.00. |
| | Total \$8.00 |

* These two dollars are for speaking licenses in the Dundas Marsh and Wharf, for three fish &c. between 1st of January, and 20th of April 1878. - and with due respect

Yours, Sir,
H. B. H.

I have, &c.
S. H. H.
&c. -

Writing Bureau Office.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton 17, Dec. 1877.

I am in receipt of a letter from the Department of Fisheries Ottawa; of which the enclosed is a true copy. -- Will you be pleased to forward your very respectfully.

I have you anything new to report to me. Wishing you and yours, many happy returns of the approaching festival (Xmas), which still annually proclaims peace, and good will, from the Almighty, to all mankind.

Believe me,

Hughson Esq. &c.
P.O. Orangeville. --

Carl Wiley Esq. &c.
J. D. O.,
Credit.

Sincerely,
John W. W. Esq.
P.O.
Hamilton Division.

Sunday, 16. December 1877.

On O. beach - to present fishing on Sunday. Went out at 9. a. m. came in at 3. p. m. \$4 & B. 2.00. Charles John Kerr with me - miles about 20. -

Tuesday 18. December 1877. --

At Toronto, and Leslieville getting up my returns - saw Lew. Marsh, John Mollard &c. went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5.30, p. m. miles 94. Ry fare #2, \$4 & B. 2.00. dinner 40. -

Thursday 20. December 1877. --

On O. beach, from 8. a. m. to 4. p. m. went out at 9. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. miles 20. \$4 & B. 1.50. -

Wednesday, 26. Dec. 1878.

At Toronto getting up my returns. Thence to Whitby, and back to Toronto Island. -- went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. miles 108. Ry fare 3.00 \$4 & B. 2.00. - dinner, tea & bed 75. Boat 75. - \$6.50

Thursday, 27, Dec: 1877. - -

At Toronto Island, getting up my returns. Went to John Gussells - and the Fish Market, then to Hamilton - 48 Miles. Railway fare \$1.00, Breakfast 25, dinner 40, Post 1. - - -

Friday, 28, December 1877. - -

At St. Catharines, getting up my returns for the year. Went out at 9 a.m. came in at 1.30 p.m. Miles 14, St & B. 1.50, dinner for Charles and self 50¢

January, 4th 1878. - Friday. - - -

On B. beach getting up my returns. - - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 6 p.m. Miles 24. St & B. 2.00, dinner for Charles J. and self. - -

Saturday, 5, January 1878. -

At Bronte, and Oakville, getting up my returns. Went out at 5 p.m. Miles 48, Railway fare 1.00, Horse and Buggy 1.00, dinner and breakfast 75¢

Sunday, 10, January 1878. - - -

At St. Catharines, Port Walhouse and Niagara, getting up my Annual returns, went out at 8 a.m. came in 5.30 p.m. Miles 58, - Railway fare \$1.00, St & B. 1.00, dinner, tea and bed 75¢ Stage 50, - 15.

Monday, 11th January 1878. -

At Niagara, Queenston, Suspension Bridge and Fort Erie - getting up Annual Returns back to Niagara again by Queenston and River Road, - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 11 a.m. Miles 66, - Ry fare \$2.00, breakfast dinner, tea and bed \$1.00 - St & B. 1.50. -

Tuesday, 12, January 1878. - At Niagara -

At St. Catharines, and Hamilton, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 4.30 p.m. Miles about 48, Stage fare 60¢ dinner 40, Breakfast 25¢ Omnibus 40, St & B. \$1.50, Total \$3.15

11, 1877
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$160.00, which I require to pay up the Guardians engaged to protect the fisheries between last October and November and which I have much pleasure in recommending to your consideration for immediate settlement. -- The duty is as well and faithfully performed.

21 Oct to 13 Nov;

1. Mr John Gordon 3/4 Suffern Creek during a portion of October and November last...				\$44.00
2. Mr Robert Gordon,	do	do	do	36.00
3. Mr Jas. Stacey Lyons Creek,	do	do	do	20.00
4. Mr Henry Moon, The Range,	do	do	do	40.00
5. Mr Erasmus Sticks - The River, Co. the years 1876 and 1877...				20.00
Total \$160.00.				

And with due respect,

Yours sincerely,
H. H. H.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$160.00.

Hamilton, Onto.,

12, January 1878. --

My dear Sir,

You owe me dollars on the fishery for last year. --

You owe all your rent for the lake fishing at the beach for last year. --

Also you owe me Boat License for watching the coast during last year; and you have commenced fishing this year, and no more about paying your license fees.

You must attend to all this at once, or abide the consequences of the Law. -- As I have no alternative left me, but what is so clearly defined for my guidance in the Fisheries Act. --

Please let me see you here at once after the receipt of this letter. --

Yours faithfully,
Mr Thomas Joyce,
Freeman,
Bronte, Onto.

John W. Joyce,
Fishery

My dear Sir,

I have to inform you, that unless you pay up your License fees, (ten dollars,) for the past two years of 1876, and 1877, now past due, I will be obliged to stop you from fishing hereafter. . . .

You must also in future pay in advance for your license for this current year, - stop fishing altogether, for so long as you are in default of license from the Department of Fisheries Ottawa. So sure may you expect to need and make nets taken. -

Then as regards your Annual returns, you don't seem, as if they were worth your notice, but I may tell you, that the Fisheries Department, at Ottawa, will insist on getting these returns annually. . . .

And the non-compliance with the law, will end all fishing on the part of fishermen who treat the same so indifferently. . . .

I want your money, and returns immediately or being up with your nets. . . .

Wm. W. Snodgrass,
Fisherman.
Bk. Onto, Onto.

John W. Kerr
D.O.,
Hamilton, Onto
12, January 1878. -

Hamilton -

My dear Sir,

I called at your house, on last Thursday, for your returns, and give you some more money for last year's license, you were out on the lake fishing up. - I then said and agreed I would see you in St. Catharines Market today, but on receiving three from Niagara, you had left. - Now then unless you pay up at once, you had your time, I will have to put the law in force and stop your fishing. - Why not send me a return of all the fish you caught to once. . . .

I got from you a license from the Department last year, in the face of great opposition used against you, and still you seem passive in complying with the fishing law. . . .

Wm. W. Snodgrass,
Fisherman,
St. Catharines.

John W. Kerr
D.O.,
12, January 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton

When I last called upon you at the
Beard, for the Annual Returns, you referred me to your
son Wm who referred me to Mr. Wolfe, who, as a matter
of fact, just felt as indifferent about it, as you are
now.

Now then, I trust upon your furnishing me with
once, with a true and correct return of all the different
kind of fish caught by you during the last year.

In order that matters may go on right during
the year, from the commencement of the season, I want your
license fee for the year on receipt so that I may not
be again recommended, as I was last year, by the fish-
ing department to Ottawa. - You allowing your boats
and men gill nets being fished for months without the li-
cense fees being paid.

I shall take precious good care that all
boats must not any more fish till before the license
fee for fishing there is paid.

What do you think of Lady Port applying for
a license to fish off Toronto Island.

With kind regards to Mr. Ward, -

Yours truly

John W. Ward

Ottawa, Onto.

John W. Ward

12 January, 1878.

Sir,

12 January 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for blank quar-
terly forms of Diaries, so as to enable me to make out
and send in my accounts ending 31st of December last
1877.

I also require 100 copies blank voucher forms, - and
with due respect,

I have &c.

John W. Ward

D.O.

Hon. Minister

Ottawa

Confidential

My dear Mr. Young, -

Will you kindly take down for me all the names of those persons whom you may find catching Minnows for bait fishing, during the next fourteen days next day and date, and note the part of the River on the Canadian side where the offence was committed.

The Youngs Thomas boys it appears fish a small Seine and catch Herring which they sell, please walk down as far as their spot some night or morning and ascertain for me all the names of those boys or other persons who fish the Seine. -

Do all this as privately as possible not letting the persons offending know what you are about. -

I saw Mr. Hall the Resident Magistrate on my way from Port Line on last Friday - and was advised at the conclusion we must stop all this. -

I will make it worth your attention, and pay you well for your services. -

With my kind regards, and wishing you the compliments of the season, believe me, Yours,

James Leslie
Chief of Police

Very sincerely
Robert L. Young Esq.
Hamilton, Onto
14. Jan'y 1878.

Thursday 14. Jan'y 1878. -
at the Heights - heat of fresh snow has been broken open and spears being stolen. - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 12. noon. Miles 10. all right - \$4 and 15. 1.50.

Sir.

2nd January 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to fish your pound nets in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Blind Slide point, in the Township of Bertie and County of Holland. ---

This license is for Mr. Solomon Kries of Huron Erie County, Ohio; and a Mr. Burns of Bertie, who have made to me this application. --- The rate they propose to pay for each pound net, is \$40. per year. ---

But I consider it well worth \$50. or \$60. for each pound per year, being so convenient to the good market of Buffalo, say about 2 hours distance in any weather.

This is the only place where this kind of net fishing can be carried on to advantage in my division now! of Lake Erie. ---

The money will be all paid down before the fishing is commenced; before in fact the piles or poles are driven for the pots. ---

I hope this application will meet your favorable consideration, and I have much pleasure in recommending the same for your approval. ---

And with due respect,

Hon. Minister,
H. V. H.
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
John D. Kerr
D.O.

Monday 28. Jan: 1878. ---

On Monday, and the Straights went out at 7 a.m. came in at 4 p.m. - miles 16. S & B. ---

My dear Mr. Story
 Will you be pleased to find herewith,
 Post Office Order, for the sum of Forty dollars, to pay you for
 services rendered last October and November, in guarding
 and protecting Salmon, in the Bay and Little Rouge. -
 And with my kindest regards,

Mr. Harry Moon,
 St. John's, Nfld.,
 Port Union, P.O. Office,
 Onto.

Yrs truly,
 John W. Kerr, P.O. Overseer,
 Hamilton Ont.
 28. January 1878.

My dear Mr. Story
 Will you be pleased to find herewith,
 Post Office Order, for the sum of Twenty dollars, to
 pay you for services rendered last October and Novem-
 ber, in protecting Salmon &c, in Lyons Creek, -
 And with kind regards.

James Story Esq.
 St. John's, Nfld.,
 Whitley P.O. Office,

Yrs truly,
 John W. Kerr,
 Fishery Overseer,
 Hamilton, Onto.
 28. January 1878.

Hamilton, Onto.

My dear Mr. Gordon

28. January 1878. -

Will you be pleased to find herewith,
 a Post Office Order in your favour for forty four dollars
 to pay you for your services as Guardian during October
 and November last. -

Also a Post Office Order, in favour of your son
 Robert Gordon for the sum of Thirty five dollars, to pay
 him as your Assistant last October and November in
 protecting the parent Salmon while spawning in Duffin
 Creek. - I may mention for your satisfaction that in
 my Annual Report, to the Fisheries Department, I said
 I had reason to be proud for the faithful manner
 in which you done your duty.

John Gordon Esq.
 Duffin Creek,

Yrs sincerely,
 John W. Kerr
 P.O. Overseer

1st February 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for Fifty
blank spearing Licenses, for immediate issue for
B. bay, and Dundas Marsh. -

I Have &c.

Hon^r. Minister,
H. H. H.
Ottawa

John W. Kerr.
O.C.

My dear Sir,

1st Feb 1878.

Yours received, wishing to know the
amount of License fee for fishing Salmon trout, and White fish
gill nets in Lake Ontario, between Leslieville and Ashawa. -

In reply, I beg to inform you, that the rent will be \$20,
to be paid before fishing commences. - The gill nets, to be
five inches and upwards, extension necessary, but nothing
under. -

You can also fish Murrey gill nets. -

You can have a license to fish at Ashawa, &c.
Union. I understand it is now W. H. J. taking as you
choose any of those places, but I cannot allow you
to run all over the Lake Ontario, within the limits set
down. -

W. B. Woodland
Fisherman
Collingwood.

John W. Kerr
O.C.

P.S. - Don't see for 4- per pound in Toronto, to which
Boyle - who charges his customers 10 and 12 c/2, per pound,
until Collingwood fish begin to come in. -

J. W. Kerr
O.C.

My dear Sir,

1st January 1878,

I am in receipt of yours of 31st ultimo, telling me that people are quarrying, and taking stone from the bed of the River Credit, near the Indian Village, -

Taking stone therefrom does not come under your Jurisdiction nor mine. - We, merely as Overseers, protect the fishes therein. - if you could ^{prove that} these people damaged or injured a salmon bed, in doing so, they could be fined. -

If the place is owned by either Messrs Capreol or Sprague they can punish them for malicious trespasses. -

You might write them on the subject.

Jas. G. Wilson Esq^r

J. G. Wilson Esq^r
John W. Kerr
D. O.

"private"

My dear Sir,

On receipt, will you be pleased to send me at once your license money for this current year, commencing on 1st day of January 1878. -

Mr Thomas Bewbidge of Victoria has complained to me about you, in behalf of Mrs Sherman, and Mrs Wardgett for cutting away the ice off the fishing grounds opposite their lots, the water being included in their deed, from Mr Jarvis of Toronto who holds a deed (see B) says, a Patent from the Crown of the whole of the water lot, in front of the Town of Victoria, extending five chains into the River. -

Please let me know immediately, if Mr Bewbidge is the Custom House Officer -

Don't take any notice of these people in the mean time, your license from the Fisheries department will protect you.

Let me hear from you at once

Mr John Everett,
Fisherman,
Victoria - Fort Erie,
P. O.

Yrs sincerely,
John W. Kerr
D. O.

6. Feb 1878

Mr. —

5. Feb: 1878. —

I have the honor to send you \$28.00 enclosed for the sum of Twenty eight dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Spearing License fees to, in M. bay, and Dundas Marsh, from 1st of January, to the 20th of April 1878. — viz:

50. J. D. Lafferty. —	West Glamboro. —	\$1.00
52. Elmer Apeels. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
53. Maurice Readon. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
54. Wm. Roach. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
55. John Pasley. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
56. Robert Lyons. —	West Glamboro. —	.. 1.00.
57. Marshall Blane. —	do. —	.. 1.00.
58. James Doyle. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
59. John Doyle. —	do. —	.. 1.00.
60. James Howard. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
61. Rev. Dickmore. —	East Glamboro. —	.. 1.00.
62. Ramsay Wells. —	Stamilton. —	.. 1.00.
63. Wm. Showmacher. —	do. —	.. 1.00.
64. Ed. V. Spencer. —	do. —	.. 1.00.
65. Thomas Wolf. —	do. —	.. 1.00.

And Thomas Joyce, for balance of Sta-
tion License, on M. beach, and Boat License
in Lake Ontario, at Toronto, in full for year 1877. 12.00

47. Wm. Hopkins. East Glamboro. 1.00

Total, \$28.00

I Have the

Hon. Minister.

John W. H. —

D. O.

Ottawa.

Thursday, 7. Dec 1877

at the Heights, on the Bay, and with me
J. W. H. —

Monday, 11. February 1878.

On M. bay, Collecting Spearing Licenses, fees —
54 & Cutter \$1.50, Miles 20.

Tuesday, 12. February 1878. —

On M. bay, Collecting Spearing License fees —
54 & Cutter \$1.50, Miles 20.

Dear Sir

Copy -

Victoria, 14 February 1878.

I am instructed by Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Bredgett, of this place to draw your attention to a grievance which if persisted in will lead to trouble.

The landing of the gun by the river the other side of the river in the village of the Indians and opposite the house the Indian got being arrested in the river from the house of the to make holes in the water for the gun of the water of the water for part of the town of Victoria attending your claims into the river and had containing no reservation of fishing privileges. The river of the river is a reserve land and belongs to the police above named as they depend on it to the gun there becomes supply and as they are now see the in person that the hole of that portion has not been brought under your notice by the authorities at Ottawa or it would not have been included in the same grant in your name. Therefore you will receive into this river and then it restituted at once, as if the gun is not allowed to form now the reserve supply will be lost. - an early reply will oblige

Yr. Serv.

Yours respectfully,

John Macpherson

The Illustrated copy of the deed from the Crown to the land is in my possession. -

Adm. Gen. Post Office. -

My dear Sir -

Victoria, 14 Feb. 1878.

I reply to your application for a license to get a gun in the river. That gun is now in the point of being of the river and I get much pleasure in recommending to the river, and it is in the river. I think it right to give to you for that license. You will be in my office. I am to inform you that the police does not think it desirable to have these licenses for the purpose of being used by you. -

Yr. Serv.

John Macpherson

John Macpherson

Yr. Serv.

John Macpherson

J. O.

Thursday, 14 Feb. 1878. -

Re Mr. Bay and Beach Collecting License
 1878. - 514 B. H. 1.50 dollar

To, The Fishery Overseers,
in the Muskoka, and Parry
Sound Settlement. - - - Greeting..

The Messrs^{rs}
Wm^m Raspberry - and John K. Stephens, are and have been
licensed fishermen on Burlington Bay, for several years past.

They are desirous of breaking new ground, for a short
time, and are going up to Muskoka, and Parry Sound
Settlements to spear in beaver according to law. - -

And if by the Regulations of the Department, Spear-
ing is permitted in your Division, Would you be pleased to
give them a License to spear such beaver as by law
is permitted to be taken at this season of the year, for
the usual price of \$1. each. - And so on -

Hamilton Onte,
1878. -

Yr^{ly} respectfully,
John K. Stephens
Wm^m Raspberry
Hamilton Onte

Hamilton Onte 2^d February 1878. -

My dear Sir,

Please take notice, that complaint
has been made to me, against you, and your men, for
maliciously cutting down and carrying away from the
Fishery reserve point, running south east from Mar-
tine's wharf into the bay, a quantity of willows, poplar,
timber &c. contrary to law. - - -

You nor no other person have any right au-
thority from the S. Department, to commit depredations of
this kind. - I warn you not to repeat it.

I must refer it to those officers -

Wm^m Raspberry

Fisherman W. Raspberry

John K. Stephens

Saturday, 16, Feb: 1878. -

On B. Bay, and Beach Collecting License
+ fees - \$4.00. - 1.50. - Miles 24 - 11.00. - and under
page, on file of the S. D. Dept. in Thomas Jones
for having fish in Lake. - -

Monday 18, Feb: 1878.

+ On B. Bay, Collecting Spear-
ing Licenses fees,
\$4.00. - 1.50. - Miles 18. -

Sir,

8 January 1970 -

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a letter I have received from the Hon. Minister, Fisheries and Wildlife, Victoria, which is on the lower side of the Sturgeon River near the International Railway Bridge, in the Township of Victoria. Complaining of John Smith, a fisherman, in the Township of the Sturgeon and the Municipality of Victoria for the very trifling matter of letting away a fish line, pointing to the edge of the rapids Sturgeon River out of his way, when John Smith was on his regular fishing. . . .

To take this letter as a whole it would at first sight appear to be a very offensive letter - namely, I don't mean it as an offence at all. . . .

The fishing line was let out under the provisions of the Fisheries Act before Victoria got into existence. . . .

Between the lots (village lots) on which these women reside, "I believe they have a trail" and the Sturgeon River the public high road is situated, and between the houses in which the women live and this road, there is a public foot walk. . . . This public road, from the Glenora Road at Fort Erie to the Village of Chippewa, a distance of about 10 miles, along the Sturgeon River bank on which the road is situated, there is no fence between this road and the River, not a spectacle of any kind. . . .

This road too is very narrow, narrow for the fact in some places, also according to a statement made to me some years ago by the late Colonel Dufferin. It was a road two chains wide was reserved by the old Government of Canada along the bank of the Sturgeon River and which I believe has never been altered by any Act of Parliament up to this day. . . .

Even to suppose, Mr. Garnier desires a dozen or more to go over chains of the River Sturgeon in front of the lots adjacent to the public road intervening, similar perhaps to land owners at Newmarket on the Lake of Huron, that would give these women not only Garnier's control of the fishing - fisheries, so as to allow all sorts of fishing and a few feet of ice forms only at the edge of this rapid stream, and so enable him to hunt in his line, on the bank by the side of this public road. . . .

I hope you will be pleased to give this case your immediate consideration, an affair these people of your decision through me. . . .

The foregoing being the facts of the case. . . .

and with due respect,

W. H. Whitehead Esq.

Com. of Fisheries

G. H. Hume

I have the

Yours truly

J. H. Hume

Hamilton, Onto. 9 Feb: 1878. -

I duly received your letter, dated Victoria, 4th instant, on the subject matter therein complained of; And in reply have to inform you, that I laid the same before the Hon^{ble} The Minister of Marine & Fisheries - Ottawa. -

On hearing from you, I will send you a copy of his decision thereon. -

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Hurlingham Esq^r.
J. P. H. O. O.
Port Erie, Onto.

Johul W. Kerr
F. Oversee
Hamilton Division.

My dear Peter,

I duly received your letters (2.) and the five dollars. - If, as you desire to fish in this inclement weather in Lake Ontario, for Ciscoes and Salmon Trout, in deep water; you may fish, and after a little, when you receive a regular license, you can pay for 1878. -
With kind regards.

Mr Peter Bath,
Fisherman,
Port Dalhousie;

Yrs Truly,
Johul W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, Onto.
9th Feb 1878. -

Postage 25.

My dear Sir,

On receipt, will you be pleased to send me off 30, and I will recommend that your license may be granted to you for this current year at that amount. However, keep this to yourself,

Yrs Truly,
Johul W. Kerr
F. O. -
13 Feb 1878.

Mr John Everett
Fisherman,
Port Erie, Onto.

Tuesday, 19 Feb: 1878. -

On 15 May, Collecting Spearfishing License fees. -
went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m.
collected 30. 144 Cutters 2

Sir,

12. February 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Cheque No. 513, for the sum of fourteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount towards special licenses in No. 10 Bay and Dundas streets, from 1st of January, to the 20th of April 1878, as follows: —

68.	Robert Scott, Hamilton, Vincent	\$ 1.00.
70.	Wm. Gages, Barton, do	1.00.
71.	Wm. Jones, Hamilton, do	1.00.
72.	Wm. Bates, Cayce, do	1.00.
73.	John Bates, do, do	1.00.
74.	Wm. J. Westbury, Cayce, do	1.00.
75.	Joseph Jones, Hamilton, do	1.00.
76.	Charles Phipps, Hamilton, do	1.00.
77.	Thos. S. Kearney, Hamilton, do	1.00.
78.	Thos. Selby, do, do	1.00.
79.	Wm. Gages, do, do	1.00.
80.	James Gages, do, do	1.00.
81.	Samuel Jones, do, do	1.00.
82.	Charles Smith (2), Hamilton, do	1.00.
83.	John Wadsworth, License Fee, for fishing lot	
84.	17, Niagara River at Queenston, for year 1877.	3.00.
		Total \$17.00.

With due respect,

Yours faithfully,
J. W. Gages

I Have &c.

John W. Gages
J. W.

My dear Sirs —

Will you be so good to send me a receipt for the sum of \$17.00 of fishing grounds at Port Erie, in the Niagara River, and I will apply immediately and get your license for you for the current year.

Yours respectfully,
John & Charles A. Harris
Fishermen

Yours respectfully,
John W. Gages
J. W.

12. Feb. 1878.

Dr.

19th Feb: 1878,

I have the honor to send you Bank cheques No: 655, for Twelve dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for spearing in N. bay, and Dundas Marsh, under license, between 1st day of January, and 20th of April 1878. -

85. James Little. Valley View -	Amount. \$1.00	✓
86. Charles Chisholm. East Silo -	" " 1.00	✓
87. Watson Chisholm. do. -	" " 1.00	✓
88. Marney Roule. - do. -	" " 1.00	✓
89. Thos: Greenway. Hamilton, -	" " 1.00	✓
90. - Hector Secord. do. -	" " 1.00	✓
91. Sam ^e Cripps. - do -	" " 1.00	✓
92. Sam ^e Howard. do. -	" " 1.00	✓
93. Denis Kelly. do. -	" " 1.00	✓
94. Thos: Jonas. Saltfleet, -	" " 1.00	✓
95. Austin Boste. Dundas. -	" " 1.00	✓
96. Andrew Turnbull. do. -	" " 1.00	✓
Total \$12.00.		✓

With due respect,

Hon Ministers,

Y. Y. Y.

I have &c.

John W. B. Co.
D.O.

Wednesday, 20th February 1878. -

At Toronto, Leslieville, and Toronto Island: - saw Geo: Marsh, Patrick Gray and John Mollard - was at Kings Shanty. but saw no person there, found that David Ward, and George and Charles Loring - were fishing for - and catching salmon. Went out at 8.30 a.m. came in at 3 p.m. - Miles 88. My fare \$1.00, dinner, tea and bed 75. - Horse and Outfit 2.00.

Thursday, 21st February 1878. -

At Toronto, Toronto Island, and Hamilton. - went out at 7.30 a.m. came in at 1 p.m. - Miles 88. My fare \$1.00, Breakfast and dinner 75.

Postage 10

My dear Sir,

I am just informed that you, Mr. Albert, and Mr. John Wright, fishermen are at present engaged fishing brant geese and geese in Lake Ontario, in part of Frenchman's Bay. --

I will thank you to send me on receipt the dollar licence for this current year, and your address still remained the same last year; I hope you will do this at once. Otherwise I must come down and refuse the licence.

Yours truly,

Mr Thomas Ashfield,

Greenham.

Greenham Bay.

John Wright

N.S.

21. February 1878.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to get from George Long and his brother who bought out to him Mr. Clark's fishing nets, boats &c, are fishing on their own hook: Twenty dollar fishing licence for this year.

Will them I must have it at once, and it should be paid before they commenced fishing for salmon. No person can fish without a licence, and with kind regards to Mr. Boyle and family.

Michael Boyle Esq

Fish Dealer.

Greenham, Ont.

Yours truly,

John Wright

Fishing Master

23. February 1878.

Monday, 25. February 1878.

At Port Huron, saw Jas. J. Reid and his father Thomas Reid. Went fishing this season. Went out at 6 a.m., came in at 5 p.m. killed 66. At B \$1.50. dinner and breakfast 50. By rail \$2.00.

Wednesday 27. February 1878.

On B. way, collecting fish, and on 9 a.m., came in at 5 p.m., killed 24. At B \$1.50. dinner for two 75¢.

Sir,

6. March 1878. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank
Cheque No. 671. for thirty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount
for license in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, to the John
Everett, to Seine fish there.

Please send me license for delivery, to be
same as last season. - -

And with due respect

Hon. Minister

I have &c

Do not know

J. O.

Ottawa.

8. March 1878.

Sir, - With reference to the permission granted
annually to farmers to fish in the River Credit, every
spring - free of license fee - for suckers and mullets,
for their own use. -

I believe, and I have heard from licensed
fishermen - that the farmers who have enjoyed this priv-
ilege have sold wagon loads of these fish every
spring, thereby injuring our licensed fishermen in
the market. -

There is then a more important reason, that these
farmers should be under strict license surveillance;
because heretofore frequented the River Credit every
spring, and I have recently heard a few of these
fish have commenced to do so again. - and in
order to protect them - I recommend a small li-
cense of four dollars being fixed by you on
farmers, - who fish for catch suckers, &c. for
selling - and while they are so doing, are en-
gaged, that they be bound to liberate all fish
now caught by them.

Mr. Jas. F. Wilcox - the Guardian of the River,
at Pt. Credit, is very ill, with rheumatism, until
he recovers I shall as usual keep a careful
eye over the River -

and with due respect

Hon. Minister

I have &c

John Wilcox
J. O.

Ottawa.

S.S.

8. March 1878.

I have the honor to report that the barn, outhouse, house, cow, wheat, oats, corn, hay, and straw, the property of Mr. John Bates of Southport, at the very lower end of Burlington Bay, adjoining Burlington beach - Township of Northport, was maliciously set fire to, last fall, and entirely consumed by fire - to the extent of about five thousand dollars, with no insurance thereon. . . .

Mr. Bates is one of the farmers whose pike gill net license was cancelled last year; and under the above circumstances so serious and unfortunate to him - I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant him a pike gill net, and boat license, same as B. beach fisherman. . . .

I am enabled to do this the more easily, as only ten of the twelve fishermen I have already applied for will fish. - With much respect

Yours, &c.

Hon. Minister

John W. Ken

S.O.

P.S. Mr. Bates by having this privilege granted him, will use up his old gill nets this year. -

J. W. Ken

S.O.

Thursday, 7th March 1878. . . .

At the Heights, - the Plains, B. beach, and home - gave permission to the fishermen to set out their pike gill nets in that part of B. bay east of a line run from Harvey and Grant's farm, to Martins wharf B. beach - and to keep all nets out of the Inlets, and outside of the head lands - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5, p. m. Miles 32, St and buggy \$2.00 & dinner 50c. Salls & of -

Sir,

6 March 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for (12) twelve pike gill net, and boat license (blank) for to fish in that part of B. bay lying east, and south of a line drawn from the fence between Starvey and Frank's farm in Barton and Martin's wharf on B. beach.

This fishing will be carried on exclusively by the licensed fishermen of B. beach alone, and as the ice on the bay has commenced to break up, warmer mild weather setting in, I beg most respectfully to recommend that those licensed fishermen may be permitted by you to commence fishing at once. - as pike will command a good price. -

No pike gill nets will be set nor allowed in the Inlets nor inside of the head lands of the same. - And with due respect,

I remain &c.
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Hon. Minister
&
&
H. H. H.

I am in receipt of your letter and in reply have to inform you, that I want from you and Mr. Wright - five dollars for last year, and five dollars for this year for fishing limit and Forest fish gill nets. I must have the money at once. - it is the best I can do. No person is allowed to fish unless he pays a license fee. -

Mr. Wm. McEbert
Hutchinson Bay.

Yr. truly
John W. Kerr
D.O.

8. March 1878.

My dear Sir,

I duly received your letter, but had no gill nets of the kind you asked me for.

I will be in St. Catharines by the first train next Tuesday morning, and I will be glad to see you at Station. Please meet me there, as I wish to see you. — With kind regards,

Mr. Peter A. Bath,
Fisherman,
St. Catharines.

Yours sincerely,
J. B. Bussell,
St. Catharines,
N. S. W. 1878.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, applying for a license to fish in the 20 Mile Pond. — The license fee will be \$1.00 to you. — You can begin and fish when you receive this, but please send me the money at once, and I will apply then for the license. — You can also fish in the Red Creek on the same terms as last year, don't fail in sending me the money at once. — With kind regards.

Abner J. Robb, Esq.,
Fisherman,
20. Mile Creek.
Jordan P. Free.

Yours sincerely,
J. B. Bussell,
St. Catharines,
N. S. W. 1878.

My dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of yours of the 8th instant. —

You can have a license on the same terms as last year. — Please let me have five dollars by return of mail, and I will apply at once and get a license for you immediately. — If you happen to find any gill nets in the Range please bring them for me.

And upon no account are you to allow any Blacks, to trespass on your fishing. With my kind regards. —

Wm. Cowan Esq.,
St. Catharines.

Yours sincerely,
J. B. Bussell,
St. Catharines,
N. S. W. 1878.

My dear Sir,

On receipt, will you be please
to send me your license for 1878, for this district
you are obliged.

Yours faithfully,
John H. Bates

Mr. John H. Bates,

John H. Bates,

11. March 1878.

My dear Sir,

Although you promised, when I
was at Oakville, and Toronto, on the 6th day of
January last, to send me five dollars, license fee
for last year, still here it is now the 11th day
of March and not yet received.

Please on receipt let me have \$10.
of last year, and this year, - and I will send
you the same.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred James
and Richard Jones.

John H. Bates
11. March 1878.

Monday. 11. March 1878. -

On B. beach - getting names of persons who are
to fish pike gill nets, - saw John Bates, - who told pike
gill nets were robbed on Monday morning - thence through
Waukegan - place - found all regular; - Heard from
my net - that Ben: Folds wife bought home by
way of the plains on Friday last, two boxes of
gill nets supposed to be got at Steensons her
brothers place. - I shall keep an eye on Ben: &
his crew. - Went out at 8. a.m. came in at 5.30. p.m.
Miles 24. At B. - 2.00. dinner for two, - 50. -

Tuesday - 12. March 1878. -

at St. Catharines. Ten Mile Creek, saw Thomas Reid, -
a Lewis Dwyer - see my report of 13th instant - thence
to Niagara - all well - got 3 dollars from Thos:
Reid - 3 from John Alford, Elliott Dwyer - five dollars
from Longhurst - went out at 8. a.m. came in
at 3. p.m. - miles about 52, At B. \$2.00
By fare \$1. dinner, tea and bed 75. -

let.

15, March 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank cheque No. 740, for the sum of fifteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; on account of license to fish during this season;

1. Messrs. Thomas Elliot, Thomas Howie, and John Aulford of Niagara. "A line hauling license to fish in that part of Lake Ontario, and Lake Ontario, extending from the Lock Street wharf, Niagara, to the west side of the one mile creek in Lake Ontario, a distance of about one and one half miles in part of the town of Niagara, Co. County of Lincoln and province of Ontario, extending to the line of the said lake to the boundary line, at \$20. per annum." — on a/ct. \$3.00.

2. Thomas Reid - Grantham - A license to fish in Lake Ontario in part of lot 10, on the 1st concession of Grantham containing 20 shares of 1/20 partage. — 3.00.

3. Messrs. James Longhurst and James Robinson, license to fish 100 yards square in Niagara River - same as last year, \$15. sent now on a/ct. 5.00.

4. Mr. Joseph Black, The Rouge Hill - Pickering, (for line hauling license, at Frenchman's Bay, in Lake Ontario, same as last year, — on a/ct. 5.00.

And with due respect

Yours sincerely

J. H. H. H.

John H. H.

D.O.

Wednesday 15, March 1878. —

At Niagara. Limestone, S. Bridge and home — went out at 9.25 a.m. came in at 3 p.m. — Miles 60. By fare \$2.25. — Breakfast 25.

Friday 15, March 1878. —

At Toronto. Leslieville and all through Kitchissippi Bay. Thence to Toronto Island. — Pat Gray — paid me \$10. fishing license on the island — 20 — at the Stumber 10. Saw few Marsh — Geo. and Charles Lang. — Wm. Montgomery, John Gurnea — James Steen and Billy Sturdy. — went out at 8. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. — Miles 60. —

Railway fare \$1. — dinner 35¢ Boat \$1.00 —
\$1.65 supper and bed 50¢ Total 3.75

FISH SPEARING. — Pike have commenced to run up to their spawning grounds. Large numbers of them are destroyed by spearing, which cannot be too vigorously prosecuted, as the fish in question are almost worthless and have been so numerous in these waters of late years as to have prevented to a considerable extent the increase of better fish. The mud-cats, or "bull-pouts," as they are variously termed, are also very destructive to the spawn of others of the finny tribe, and ought to meet with no quarter.

Set.

16. March 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for boat licenses for the undermentioned, for this current season.

1. William Montgomery, Toronto. To be the same as last year. — \$10.00.
2. John Farness - Toronto - To be the same as last year. —

And with due respect,
I remain Sir,

Hon. Minister,
Y. Y. Y.

Wm. H. H.
Y.

Saturday 16. March 1878. —

At Toronto Island - David Wood - paid me \$40.00. for the Island fishing - and \$20. for boat license. —
George Lang paid me \$9. and Lewis \$8. — from
thence home. — went out at 6.30. a. m. came in 2. p. —
Miles 50. My fare \$1. Boat hire \$1. March 16. 25.

Sunday 16. March 1878.

On B. beach, collecting pike gill net license - David Fitch,
paid me \$4. Alex. Rolfe, paid me \$4. Ben. Folds - paid
me \$4. — went out at 9. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m.
Miles about 36. — searched for illegal gill nets, \$4 &
B. 1.50 - dinner for self and Charles John \$5. —

Tuesday 19. March 1878. —

In B. bay - Ed. and Charles John New with me
took up a piece of pike gill net set across the
upper end of a line on which barred the fish
out from spawning ground, went out at 5 p. m.
came in at 2. a. m. Miles 26. \$4 & B. 1.50 —

Wednesday 20. March 1878. —

At Fort Erie and Vittoria - saw John and Chester A.
Harris and John Everitt who were sadly disappointed
because advised by the Fishes department to stop
Seine fishing. — They felt that they had to be allowed to
fish on until the 15th of April - "Pickens close sea-
son" — see my report of 22. March 1878. —
Railway fare \$1.70. and \$1 - dinner tea and bed 75.
Harry and Street Car Railway 20¢ — \$1 & B. 1.50
Miles 43.3 - 36 - 62 miles —

Sir.

22. March 1878. -

With reference to your instruction to me in reply to my communication of the 6th instant, that the Hon. the Minister proposes to appoint a fishery regulating agent for that part of the Niagara River above the Falls, to the duty of the State of New York, and doing away with net fishing of the kind in so far as regards Niagara River from the Falls to the F.D. Fort of Fort Erie. -

I am glad to hear that the Government intend to make such a change in the regulations, but I sincerely hope and I am greatly interested that you will also see that a Harris, and John Smith of Fort Erie to continue to fish up until the 15th of April next - "Fishing License" - As this matter has come so lightening like upon them to do so, will alleviate and lighten any feelings hostile to the fishery department, that is so sure to arise. - and please issue a printed proclamation to the fishermen and the public on the subject. - Mr. W. A. Thompson M.P. - C. Telegraph to a Buffalo paper on yesterday made head in the matter publicly. I recommend you to fix the time when net fishing shall cease, say 15th of April next, I have &c

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr
F.O.

Thursday 21 March 1878. -

at Niagara, Lewiston, Queenston and Niagara, Joseph Gabriel Jr. paid me \$3.00 of fishing station at Queenston, Jas. Fitzgerald - paid me \$1.00 American money on acct of being fishing license. - Railway fare \$0.25 & St. C. buggy 1.50, boat 25. Breakfast dinner tea and bed \$1.00 & went up the River to the upper spawning ground. - - - - - July 20.

Friday 22 March 1878. -

at Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton, went out at 9.30 a.m. came in at 11.30 a.m. - Miles 60. Railway fare 1.75. - Railway fare to S. Bridge from Niagara 50¢ see my reports of this date. - - - - - Breakfast 25¢

Yes.

22. March 1878.

I have the honor to report you your information that on the afternoon of the 11th inst. in the morning there were 1000 slaves taken to the harbor where they were kept in the pen.

Instead of allowing the same to be taken to the River, the Govt will send to the General Commanding the American Port.

When I question all about this, I am told that the fish are kept in the harbor together with the fish in the pen.

I am very anxious to see your signature, that it is nearly 40 years since we have had a petition to the old slave caught here. It was also to say, how the report is, I don't say, that another petition was recently brought there.

With respect to the fact that the slaves have never been made free of the harbor in the interest of the master of the harbor, I don't say that the harbor is not the harbor of the harbor in the manner herein set forth. I don't say that the harbor is not the harbor of the harbor but I don't say that the harbor is not the harbor of the harbor when I say, that the fish, who are permitted to remain in the harbor as a guarantee that all slaves hereafter taken to Capt. Chalk be liberated.

This harbor was in splendid condition and the fish were in the harbor - pretty fish.

Respectfully in interest.

Yours, &c.

At Home &c
John W. Kerr
F.O.

Sir,

23. March 1878. —

I have the honor to receive a copy of petition sent you by Mr John S. Mackenzie of Hamilton — for Wulfe owner and occupant of lots Nos. 3, and 4, fronting on Burlington bay, in the Township of Beaton, praying that certain waters therein, as shown on plan herewith, may be set apart for natural and artificial propagation of fish, on which case I sent me by you to report upon.

I may here state for your information that on conversing with Mr Mackenzie and Mr Wulfe today about this matter they desired to amend the petition, by adding thereto, lot No. 2, and a portion of lot No. 1, as per plan herewith, now sent for your information, and of which Wulfe holds a lease from the Crown Land Department of Ontario, Toronto.

Copy of Lease — herewith, sent for your information and No. 1. —

Mr Wulfe has also obtained from the Crown Land Department of Ontario Toronto — a patent of 40 acres of the waters of Burlington bay — in front of lots Nos. 3 and 4 Mackenzie front, in the Township of Beaton. The description of which I also appended it is No. 2. —

The bay boundaries, and the Inlet boundaries, should have long piles of stake driven firmly into the bottom of the water in front of lots 4, 3, 2, and ^{part} of lot No. 1 — and in the Inlets at the base line, as shown on the plan so that the public may be made aware of the outside boundary lines, inside of which they shall not trespass. —

plan herewith, marked at the angles thus & containing certain waters of Burlington Bay — as bays and Inlets there of within the given lots and in, and forming a portion of the said B. bay from the base line between Mackenzie front and 1st Concession of Beaton on land, to the red line in the waters of B. bay, is what is petitioned for to be set apart. — I cannot however, recommend that these waters be leased to Mr Wulfe but I have much pleasure in recommending that the said waters as per plan may be set apart and I submit the same for your consideration and adoption, and with due respect

Yours respectfully,

Wm. H. Hesse Jr

John D. Hesse

H. 10

So.

5. March 1878. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License for the purpose of fishing in Lake Ontario to fish 500 yards of nets in Lake Ontario in front of Lot No. 10. in the 1st section from the entrance.

20. Charis Pontage, say;

\$5.00.

"2. Also a Boat License for Peter Bath

Port Dalhousie - to fish in Lake Ontario, and to be the same as last season.

\$5.00.

and with due respect.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. K.

J. C. K.

P. C.

Copy -

Township of Bertie,

15. March 1878. —

To,

J. W. K.

Fishery Commission.

I am desirous of obtaining a license for fishing with pound nets in Lake Erie, in front of Lots Nos. 21, and in front of "Negro point" - in the Township of Bertie, in the County of Holland. —

I wish to set one net in front of the first named place, and two at the point.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. K.

Tuesday 26. March 1878. —

At Uniona, to see Paddy Hurd, thence home by B. beach, heard that Ben Hols - and man has been catching speckled Bass in Lagers Inlet went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - Miles about 36. 44 Buggy \$2.00 - C. J. Kerr with me.

Sir,

25 March 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you in favor to establish
some fishing grounds in Lake Erie, near Point Abino, and ex-
tending down the Lake below Negro Point, in the Township
of Portia, and County of Welland.

Mr. Chester A. Harris, of Fort Erie is an applicant for a
fishing ground at this place. - He is desirous of your
consideration. -

And Mr. Josiah B. Newington of Victoria is also an
applicant for a fishing ground at this place
also. -

I strongly recommend this matter for your con-
sideration and adoption.

Yours respectfully,
W. O.

I have &c

John W. Hare
W. O.

Sir,

25 March 1878. -

I have the honor to send you herewith an applica-
tion from Mr. Jacob Claus of the Township of Portia, County of Welland,
for Special License to fish in Lake Erie, in front of lot 21,
and Negro Point, fronting the Lake in the Township of Portia. -

From inquiries I have made - I believe, and am just I am
sure this ^{is the} man who was to have been put back with Sol-
omon Krip - an American subject - see my application
of the 2nd of January last, which you declined to accede to
he being a foreigner. -

Mr. Claus is a British subject having taken the
Oath of Allegiance on the 9th of June 1863 - before the
Church of the Peace - County of Welland. - -

However! I do not believe it would be at all
right for me to recommend you to grant this license
because from inquiries I have made Solomon Krip
as aforesaid or his brothers would be put back
with Mr. Claus - and they it appears are im-
migrants from Austria - Having broken the fishing law
in Lake Erie - State of New York.

And with due respect

I have &c

John W. Hare
W. O.

Yours respectfully,
W. O.

Dear Sir,

26. March 1878. -

I have the honor to receive yours of the 15th instant, and in reply I beg to forward to you copies of two documents on record in my diary and letter book, respecting Sumner Kennedy Esq. J. P. of Alton, Town-ship of Coladen, and the case perhaps to which you allude. -

If I can be of any service to Mr Kennedy or you in the case to which you refer, Command me. -

Under the provision of the Fisheries Act, I am a Dominion Magistrate for all fishing purposes therein contained, and under the Control of the Hon: The Minister of Marine and Fisheries Ottawa, to whom I make all my official reports. -

Yours

Respectfully

John W. Kerr Esq.
Hamilton Ont.

Wattles and Scott,
Barriers, Attorneys, &c.,
Orangeville Ont.

Wednesday 27. March 1878. -

at Dundas - saw Macdonald, and James Somerville, who told me about the meeting held in Dundas last week. Heard Henry Binkley was raising money by subscription to carry him to Ottawa - and so enable him to stop net fishing in B. bay. - Heard unlicensed persons were spearing in Dundas all night - see my letter to Chief Constable of Police Dundas. -

Chas. J. now with me, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. Miles 20, \$4.00 B 2.00. Toll 16¢ dinner 50¢ -

Postage stamps 50¢

26. March 1876.
I have just from John Jones has two more, Albert and
Emmanuel - who have found no better fish, although they have been
seen out spearing pike.

Mr. Payne of Watertown was out spearing last Saturday
and John Hayes of Essex was out on Sunday. I will get out the same
monies, and send them to you.

Your friend Dr. J. C. has been trying to reach
the city through the office of the State - but has failed to
do so - so stop not fishing - B. H. J.

Let me hear from you who it says who was fishing
note. -

as well as through the
Chief of Police.

Yours sincerely
John W. Kerr D.C.

26. March 1876. -

Sir I have the honor to receive your communication of the 25th
instant, and in response to you - I now send the names of
the fishermen. Be, you good for -

1. John Jones and Charles A. Harris, Fort Erie; for being
hauling ground in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, township
of Bertie. That is to say: commencing at Gilmore Road, then
up the River as far as the old dock, a distance of about one
mile - 100 yard line, license fee \$5 - to terminate on
the 15th day of April next.

2. Mr. John Smith, Bertie, in the County of Welland, Lic-
ense to fish in the Niagara River, between Gilmore
Road, in the village of Fort Erie and Hecwicks Mill
in the Township of Welland. License fee \$5 - to terminate on the 15th day of
April next.

In conclusion I have to thank you for your
kind consideration in these cases.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. J.

I have to
John W. Kerr
D.C.

Stationary 50.1
Telegraphs 100.0

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30 March 1878. -

I have the honor to send you Bank cheque
No 111 - for the sum of thirteen dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as
follows for the current season -

1. Mr Abraham S. Gobb of Clinton - "For license to
fish in the 20 mile pond and creek" - To be
in description the same as that issued to Mr Richard
Gilbert last season. - See my letter to you of the 25th
instant - "Send me license" - \$ 15 00

2. Mr John Carter Estabrook "For boat and pole
all net license in Washington Co. - To run on
the 10th May next" - The license already re-
ceived and delivered. - - -

4 00

Total \$ 19 00.

I am, Sir, very
truly
yours,

Edw. W. L. S.

Friday 29 March 1878 -

At Jordan - Clinton and Hinchey - About 4. Gobb -
paid me off 15 license for the 20 mile pond I saw
Holla Hollis and John Stand - went out at 8
am came in at 9. p. m. - miles 72. Railway
fare \$ 1.40 - Horse and buggy \$ 3.00 + dinner and
tea 50¢ -

Friday 29 March 1878. -

Mr Merwin of Fish Breeding Establishment -
Sandwich - arrived at Hamilton Station with 16.
Cases of White Fish Fry - for B. Bay - My son
Charles John Ken - met him at the station -
put the Cases in a Light Wagon, and Carried
them round to the Bay - where a boat was pro-
vided from Mr. Thompson - and the fish was let
out in clear water -

Charles John - sent on the Telegram sent
to me in received during my absence.

On Saturday morning I saw Mr. Ken
and arranged about the next shipment.

Telegraph - from Merwin - W. L. S. -
and Mr. White - Councilman of Fisheries - Ottawa -
was received during my absence on Friday about
these White Fish Fry -

Orders received from Mr. White to attend
to them -

Sir,

Ottawa, 26, March 1878.

In accordance with the recommendation made in your communication of 22nd instant, the Minister consents that parties named therein be allowed to fish with nets in the Niagara River above the Falls, until the 15th proximo.

Please send their names here with description of fishing grounds, in order that the necessary licenses be sent you.

W. Kerr Esq
Hamilton,
Ontario.

I am &c

Your Obedient Servant,

W. G. Whitaker,

For the Hon: M. M. & Co.

This letter has been cancelled. My telegraph of 29th to me from Mr W. G. Whitaker - Commissioner - Ottawa.

Monday, 1st April 1878.

On B. bay. found a piece of gill net in Starries Inlet. Searched several other Inlets - Charles John and Edward Kerr, were with me - went out at 6.30. p.m. came in at 1.30. a.m. - Tuesday - M.B. - 1.50 - Chas J. Kerr \$1. and Edward \$1. Miles 30. On B. bay.

Heard that John Bynes had been caught stealing fish that David Fitch had tackled him about it, where he gave up the fish. - - - Mortimer boy admitted to me the gill net was his, David Fitch saw him set it there.

Tuesday, 2nd April 1878.

Off to Toronto, to meet Mr James Hearn - went out at 9 a.m. came in at 10.30 p.m. - Met Mr Hearn at the G. W. Ry. Station. He had 15 packs of 10 fish each. I took charge of them - and with Martin Wulgray and George Richardson - took them out to the B. bay - in port of the Barks on the B. bay. - Miles 50. Boats 1. Men 2. and Boy \$2.50 of dinner tea and bed 75¢ - Ry fare 1.

Wednesday 3rd April 1878.

On Toronto Island - City of Toronto, John Juncell paid me \$10. Wm Montgomery \$5. George Redman \$2. - and Mr Lafferty paid me \$1. Got Alfred Stayer - spearing for - came for 1878. Pike spearing - went out at 7. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. - Miles 48. Boat 50¢. Breakfast & dinner 75¢. Railway fare \$1.

Telegraphs 35¢. Telegraphs 35¢. Telegraph 35¢.

Let.

30, March 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that Mr. James, Master of the Canadian Fish Breeding Establishment, arrived at the Hamilton Station of the Great Western Railway here by the day express, from Windsor at 5.15 p.m. - yesterday Friday - with sixteen (16) Ten pails - containing some millions of white fish fry - in good condition. - - -

When the Telegraphs, from Mr. Milne, and you arrived - I was at Jordan - attending to my other duties; - my son Charles, however, met Mr. & Mrs. at the Station on the arrival of the Train and with a light Wagon and Horse carried the sixteen Ten pails, to the Thompson Boat House, where a boat was procured and the fry were taken out and deposited in good water.

I have arranged with Mr. Milne to meet him myself at Toronto and have on all future occasions volunteered to go on duty - when he is acting in such capacity. - We have already splendid magnificent white fish in the bay - but I am delighted at the prospect of receiving those millions of Emigrants from the Detroit Canal -

Yours faithfully,

I Have &c

John W. Kerr
S.O.

Telegraphs 104.

Sunday, 7, April 1878. -

On B. beach, and B. bay - from 9 p.m. until 9 a.m. - on Monday Morning - Fred Herr, G. H. Cory and Jacob Cory, were with me, - in consequence of the several complaints made to me of Pike gill nets being robbed - I went down to the Beach, and watched all night. - - -

I found James Rofs, and Edward Stohmwood at a 1/4 to 6 a.m. - in a boat in front of Wm. Hayes Inlet, they had pike, and speckled bass in the boat, and were after having a gill net at Rogers Inlet, for Cory called yes! Hall to go with him between 3 and 4 a.m. - and I saw also - times Cory myself overhauling a gill net at 5 a.m. - Jack Rofs, complained that pike seen by his son in his gill net - was stolen - G. H. Cory and Jacob Cory, complained of Benjamin

Sir,

April 1892.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank cheque No. 712, for the sum of Twenty dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as License fees, for this current year, as follows:

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| 1. John Fensale, Ashbridges bay — "For boat license to fish in Ashbridges bay" — 1800 yards of pike gill nets, same as last year, — send me license. | 10.00 |
| 2. Wm. Montgomery — Toronto, "For boat license to fish in Ashbridges bay" — 100 yards pike gill net — same as last year. — send me license. — | 5.00 |
| 3. George Redvers, Don Mount — "For boat license to fish 300 yards pike gill net in Ashbridges bay" — to end on 1st of May next | 2.00 |
| 54. Alfred Hayes, "Elmhurst", "Spearing license in B. bay" — to end on 20. April instant — | 1.00 |
| 99. Wm. Henry Knowles. — do do | 1.00 |
| 100. Denis Nicholson — do do | 1.00 |
| Total. \$ 20.00 | |

The Hon ^{Secy}
The Minister
H H H

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
H. O.

Cont'd

Golds, and Fred Montgomery for robbing his pike gill net on last Saturday morning — Jacob caught them at the gill net, and saw them take a pike out of it; — Jake soon examining his gill nets, found the fish had been stolen from them. —

Bert Golds — abused Jake Cory — last Saturday afternoon, on acct of it, — went out at 7.30. p.m. came in at 10.30. a.m. — 8 of April — Miles 28, \$44 B. 2.50 — Breakfast for two, 50¢. —

Monday, 6 April 1892. —

Applied to James Cahill Esq. J. P. — for license monies for the above — went out at 10. a.m. came in at 3. p.m. — Miles 8. \$44 B. 1.50 —

Expenses 30

to balance 25

- 27 -

8. April 1848. - -

I have the honor to report that in obedience to your order, on Tuesday last, the 22^d of April instant, at 7 o'clock, p.m. - I met by appointment Mr. James Allen, of the Sandwich Fish Breeding Establishment, at Union Station - Toronto; He had 15 pails full of White Fish Fry, say about 500,000, for distribution in Lake Ontario, and as Mr. Allen had to go on to Newcastle to see Mr. Samuel Wilmet, I took charge of these small fishes, and by the aid of two men and a boy - placed at my disposal with a large fishing boat, by Mr. Patrick Gray, fisherman, Toronto Island; - Then in waiting - we proceeded up the Lake as far as Anchor Bay, above the Butts, in front of the Garrison Common where the boats were ordered to be placed, and then I hastily and hurriedly placed and committed them to their new home in Lake Ontario. - - -

However, in order that I might examine the state of air which these White Fish Fry arrived, my curiosity led me to keep over one tin pail of these delicate small fishes until the following (Wednesday) morning, because it was quite dark, when I planted the 14 pails, - This I done by distributing them in two separate pails, with fresh supply of water to each pail. - - -

On Wednesday morning the sight that presented itself to my examination, when I placed the contents of these two tin pails in a wooden pail of fresh water for observation, was grand, awful and far beyond my power to describe them to you. There were the three - kinds displaying their agility. - - -

I will however, in conclusion say; that the Department, Ottawa - and as I do, may well feel pride in Mr. Samuel Wilmet, and his Assistant, Mr. James Allen, in connection with fish breeding and hatching out White fish in the Sandwich Establishment.

I want your Minister's got Niagara, say thirty fine tin pails. - - -

They can be taken by the same Train - "Bay Express" to Suspension Bridge, and then transhipped to the Niagara Train - and delivered in Lake Ontario at the Old Fort, about 8 o'clock p.m. - on the same day. - Hoping the same will meet your approbation and the Hon^{ble} Mr. Minister. -

W. G. Whitaker Esq^r
Commissioner of
Fisheries. -
Ottawa.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Sir,

8. April 1878,

I have been furnished by the Department of Marine and Fisheries - Ottawa, with a copy of a letter, addressed to you, and bearing date, the 4th of April instant. - -

Will you be pleased to let me know what kind of fishing it is, you wish to carry on in Lake Ontario; and I will endeavour to accommodate you, if in my power. -

Wm Stewart Esq
145, Victoria St
Toronto, Onto

Y^{rs} respectfully,
John W. Scott
J. Russell.

My dear Sir,

As I have already notified you, your fishing license will terminate in the Ottawa River, for Lake fishing there, on Monday next, the 15th day of April instant, when you must hang up your line and fish no more. - -

By orders from the Fisheries Department, you have been permitted to fish up to the above date, say, for 3½ months of this year, or season for the sum of five dollars.

You, however, sent me thirty dollars which would entitle you to fish up to the 31st day of December next, only that the Ottawa River, has been set apart as a Reserve. -

I therefore send instruction from the Fisheries Department return you the sum of twenty five dollars - per post office order, and with my kind regards.

John W. Scott
Fisherman,
Victoria, B.C.

Yours sincerely,
John W. Scott
J. W.
Hamilton, Onto

11. April 1878,

No. 3138, 25,
11. April 1878.

Sib.

11, April 1878,

In consequence of your letting the Niagara River be
between the Old Fort, Fort Erie, and to the Commencement of the
rapids - Niagara Falls apart, as a Reserve, to be free from
all, but fishing, and as the public, and the Community
will still require to be furnished with a necessary supply
of fish, for home consumption, I beg most respectfully to
recommend for your consideration, that some fishing be
now permitted in Lake Erie, between Bigg's Point, and
Port Colborne, in such places, as may be adapted for
the same. - - -

Bigg's Point is about ten miles up the Lake
from the Old Fort, Fort Erie.

and with much respect

Hon: Minister

I Have &c

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sib.

11, April 1878,

I have the honor to report that George H. Day,
his son, and son in law, have been fishing a small
seine, about 50 yards long, in Lake Erie, about two miles
west of Point Abino, township of Butler and County of
Welland. - - -

I have consulted with A. G. Stille, Esq. the Government
Magistrate - Clifton, and will bring these people before
him, for fishing for, catching, and killing fish, in contra-
vention of the Fisheries Act.

and with much respect

Hon: Minister

J. V. J.

I Have &c

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Monday 9th April 1878. -

At 5, P.M. I left Fort Erie on point Abino Lake Erie
see my report of 11th instant. - Railway fare \$1.75 of,
Street Car 10¢ and 10¢, Jerry 20¢ dinner for two, 50¢,
Beer from Fort Erie to Point Abino and back 4.50,
Supper 50¢ refreshments 50¢ Railway fare Ridgeway
to Fort Erie - miles 27, went out at 8. A.M. Car
in at Fort Erie on 10th at 6. A.M. -

Constable Harrison was with me. - - -

seized a seine and ropes, see my report of 11th instant.

Sir,

11. April 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the 9th instant, from information I received I proceeded to Point Abino, Lake Erie, township of Bertie, and about two miles west of the point, I found a small Seine boated, that had been fished there by Emanuel Van Sickle, a bounty constable, Alfred Harris, Volney Jones, and Michael Henry, officers of Port Erie. --

They arrived there on Saturday the 6th instant, made three hauls on Sunday the 7th instant, and continued fishing on, up to my arrival there on the evening of the 9th instant, when I got there. --

The Seine and ropes, I seized together with a quantity of Herring; I left the Seine and ropes for safe keeping in Niagara. -- The boat which is the property of Charles Noble of Port Erie, is in safe keeping with Mr. Charles Murdock of Bertie. --

I consulted with A. J. Hall, Esq. the Port Magistrate, at Clifton, and will bring these persons before him tomorrow shortly, at Port Erie, and have them fined for illegal fishing, and breaking the Sabbath. --

Mr. Hall kindly placed a Constable at my disposal, who accompanied me to the place above referred to; where we spent the night of the 9th instant on the open beach of Lake Erie, traversing the same for miles. --

I Have &c

John A. Hall

J. A.

Wednesday 10 April 1878.

at Port Erie, and Niagara, took down the Seine and ropes there, gave them up to Mr. Thos. Elliot, for safe keeping. Constable Harrison, returned with me to Buffalo. Brides. went out at 5.30 p.m., and at 8 p.m. arrived at Buffalo. --
 Mr. Hall \$1.00 breakfast and dinner for two \$1.00
 Telegraph 25¢ Carriage of Seine to Railway station 50¢ Express Charges 50¢ Boat hire at Niagara 50¢ Tea and bed 50¢

Sir,

11. April 1878.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 4th of April, stating that you have been advised that some parties from the States intend setting pound nets, west of Abi-
agawa River, between Windmill point, and Point Abino?
On Lake Erie. —

In reply, I have the honor to report that no foundation whatever at present exists, for such an alle-
gation. — Yes, two persons applied for such a pri-
vilege under a special license from the department, which
I submitted and recommended for your consideration, but
as you have not entertained the application of either, I
am satisfied the clamor raised about these pound
nets, by insignificant persons, will now sub-
side I hope for ever. —

I saw Mr Jacob Claus, in Bertie, on yesterday,
at his place of residence, and altho' he has got 500 poles
for the purpose of setting three pound nets, in case he
had obtained a special license to do so, still, after I ex-
plained your letter to him and other things within my own
knowledge appertaining thereto, he as a good, loyal, law-
abiding subject of the Realm, and the owner and occu-
pant of 180 Acres of land, fronting on Lake Erie, living
in a stone House 68 years old, got for a price, will
never be guilty of any act, to damage or injure his
position or property in the Community.

I Have &c.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

John W. Clark
D.O.

Sir,

12. April 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for six
copies of the Fisheries Act, six copies of Gazette, small
sheet, showing close season of White Fish. &c. &c. to
its present fixed time. —

And also a copy of Gazette, proclaiming
the Niagara River a Reserve from the old Fort,
+ Fort Erie, to the Niagara Falls. —

Also some small Notices of the same for
posting up. — And with due respect

I Have &c.

Notice to Fishermen. —

Except under Leases or Licenses, from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, no person can fish with nets of any kind in any of the waters of Ontario; Province.

Unless the usual annual licenses are at once applied for, and taken out, I will be compelled to put the law in force in every case coming under my notice, by the seizure of all fish caught therein.

Hamilton Division,

12. April 1878.

Very Obedt,

John W. Kerr

No person but the above licensee can fish pike gill nets in B. bay. —

W. Kerr

J. O.

Sir,

13. April 1878,

I have the honor to report for your information that I have obeyed your orders, and have refunded Mr. John Ewart of Port Erie, fisherman the sum of Twenty five dollars, collected from the under named fishermen.

Will you be pleased to send me Licenses for them, for this current year as follows: —

Mr. Wm. Cowan, Pickering, for a seine hauling license in Lake Ontario at the Mouth, to be same as last year.	\$ 5.00
Mr. Wm. McLeat, Frenchman's bay — a Boat License to fish 2000 yds of Salmon Trout and White fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, in part of the township of Pickering.	5.00
Thos. Mansfield, Frenchman's bay — Licensed to be same as last year. — on apt.	5.00
George White, Whetby — License to be same as last year.	5.00
Duncan McMillenay, Boat License to fish pike gill nets in B. bay, del.	2.00
Martinez Coy — do, do, do. —	2.00
106, St. C. Morison, Spearman's license in B. bay, del.	1.00
delivered to expire 20. April. —	
Total \$25.00.	

Hon. Minister,
4. 4. 78.

I Have Ye,

John W. Kerr

J. O.

10. April 1878.

10. April 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith check No. 45, for the sum of eight dollars, ---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the current year, up to the periods herein specified as follows:
 101. Daniel McGwynne - Licensed to fish a bar in fishing station No. 4, in B. bay, for rough fish. The same being on B. beach, and to expire on 24. May next, \$5.00
 102. Duncan McGillivray - Spearing license in B. bay, &c. to expire on 20. April. - 1.00.

103. Jerry Hudson, do do do, 1.00.

103. Robert Hawkins, do do do, 1.00.

Total \$8.00

Will you be pleased to send me the McGwynne's license, and with much respect

I Have &c

Wm. McMinister

W. F. &

John W. Ross
D.O.

Thursday 11 April 1878.

at Niagara. Suspension bridge and Hamilton Railway fare 50¢. 75¢ breakfast and dinner 50¢. Postage 50¢. Miles 10.

Friday 12 April 1878.

In B. beach - saw Sam's Gaffs a witness's license to appear on Saturday Police Court. James Chapman paid me \$2. and Daniel McGwynne paid me \$5. for license - saw my letter of 12 attended Police Court in the forenoon. Sam's Gaffs was caught up by Jacob Carey for stealing fish out of his father's gill net.

I had James Ross and Edward Holmwood, who were in Jon. Carey - for fishing on the day morning in Port-Hurton Bay, before 6. A.M. - altho I gave evidence at 10. A.M. they were out of it. - went out at 8. A.M. Came in at 6.30 P.M. Miles 30. 1878 Pay \$1.00.

Saturday 13 April 1878.

Attended Police Court; adjourned cases, all dismissed - went out at 9. A.M. Came in at 3.30 P.M. Miles 6. - Tired. Here are John Gaffs up as witnesses, - see my report.

I have the honor to receive from you a copy of letter dated Ottawa, 30th March 1878, written to you by J. B. Plumb Esq^r, M. P. for Niagara, and referred to me for report, in which that gentleman states: "I have also a letter from a Correspondent, who says that he has learned that it is the intention of the Department to remove Mr. Kerr the Overseer, who, he thinks should have a hearing if complaints are made against him which are likely to cause his removal."

"Of course I have no right to ask any information on this point, which is not public, but if consistent with your duty, I should be glad to learn whether the removal is to be made, and the cause of it?"

In reply to all this, I am not aware that I have either in my private or official capacity seen any cause of offence or complaint to any person or individual whatever, in this respect, for nearly 14 years I have always endeavoured at all times to steer a straight forward, upright and independent course in the discharge of my duty, as your Fisheries Overseer. —

I have had information conveyed to me recently that Captain John Brown, of the River Road, Niagara, and Mr. Henry of Stamford, wealthy men, were looking for my humble place but I paid no attention to it, in any way or manner whatever, and altho' I am personally acquainted with Mr. Plumb, for many years, before and since he became M. P. for Niagara, I have never directly or indirectly advised him on the subject.

And I am at a loss to find out, why it is, he is so interested in the removal of my removal, as I feel conscious in myself that I have done nothing worthy of death or of bonds, nor of my removal. —

And with this explanation I am with much respect, I hope and trust,

Yours Obedient faithful
Wm. G. Whitaker Esq^r,
Commissioner of Fisheries,
Ottawa

Your Obedient faithful
servant,

John W. Kent

P.S. — I will report upon your
Cardinals, regarding my removal next week. —

Yrs Respectfully
John W. Kent

Sunday, 14 April 1878.

At Suspension Bridge, Queenston and Niagara, leaving the fisheries at Queenston, got law breakers, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 7 p.m. - miles 60, My fare 1.40, Horse & Buggy, 1.50, and 1.50, dinner tea and 45¢ -

Monday, 15 April 1878.

at Niagara and Fort Erie, giving out Notices to the fishermen and others, from the Commissioner to stop net fishing in Niagara River, between Old and the Falls, went out at 9.25 a.m. came in at 8 p.m. had a team to take me down from Fort Erie to Chippawa - paid for it off 2.50, Railway fare off 1. - dinner 25, My fare 65¢ tea and bed 50¢ - Miles 44.

Tuesday, 16 April 1878.

at Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton - My fare 50, dinner off 1.40 and breakfast 50, miles 60.

Toronto, April 18, 1878.

My dear Sir -

I being desirous to speak a few words and having a quantity of light wood on hand, having heard that you issue a license for off 1. I enclose the same, as a gift of permission -

Yrs respectfully,

David Ward Jr

Box 492,

My dear Sir -

20 April 1878.

Yours of the 18th instant, just received, as my return home from Toronto; I will have to submit your application with my recommendation to the Hon^{ble} the Minister, for his consideration and sanction, as all other applications are coming tomorrow today.

Of course I cannot and am not prepared to say what the result will be.

Yrs Very Respectfully,

David Ward Jr Esq^r

John W. Ward

Box 492.

To.

Toronto -

Thurs. 18. April 1878. —

at Toronto, and the Island — found all right. —
 Got \$5. from Mrs Boyle, — got Charles Lamy, #5 from Mr
 Gray. Got Charles, Horse of the Humber, — #2, for the
 ped. (Island, Belleville) #5. or Mrs Reid, and out
 at 8. a.m. came in 2.30. p.m. miles 46. Ry fare 70¢, 80¢,
 dinner, tea and bed 75¢. — Boat 50¢. — — — delivered 10¢
 Gray & Ward — licenses. —

Friday 19. April 1878. —

at the Island, thence by boat and Railway to P. B. Smith, —
 to Springfield to inspect fishery there, found the bank of
 the Creek washed away — also found saw dust going
 into the River from Halls saw mill, worked by J. H. C.
 Dracass — Harvey Lapa, — and John McIntyre — were sawing
 there — gave him until Monday to get a beam to keep
 all saw dust out otherwise a fine would be the re-
 sult — thence back to P. B. Smith — saw Mr Reid, his
 wife and boys fishing there — thence home to Hamilton —
 went out at 6. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. miles 60.
 Ry fare 80¢, H. Ry 1.50. Colls 5¢, breakfast and dinner 50¢,
 Sw. —

20. April 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge an application from Mr
 David Ward Jr of the City of Toronto son of the fisherman
 of the same name resident on the Island there. —

As all spearing will terminate this day in
 Dundas Marsh, and P. B. Bay, I don't believe it is quite
 right, to open up spearing under the head of Lake,
 until at least the close of the season — the season is closed af-
 ter the 15th of June next. —

I do not consider there should be any spearing
 allowed during summer, — the matter is submitted
 for your decision. —

And with due respect,

I have

Yr.

John H. Kent
 Secy.

Respectfully,
 J. H. Kent

My friends -

I was somewhat surprised on Thursday, when Mrs. Doyle, on handing me five dollars from you - said you desired her to tell me that you would pay no more. -

Now I insist on you paying me at once, six dollars more - as you agreed to do, otherwise I will soon find a way to stop your fishing altogether. -

There is another thing, I want to tell you, and that is, that you must stop hauling in the net, at the back of your shanty. -

After gill net fishing the pike is over, there shall be no more fishing of any kind carried on in any part of Ashbridges Bay, - until the ice opens next year. -

This is the rule laid down by the Fishery Department, Ottawa - which you, and I, and every man must observe. Last fall your fisher and Doyle's fisher kept repeat it again, or you may get fined - I saw them. -

As regards the shanty, I, nor the Fisheries Department have nothing to say nor do about it. -

The Fisheries Department will only grant license to fish, when your fee is first paid up, and not before. As laid on the balance of \$6, -

Yours and
Lang, -
Fischer's
Lester's

John W. L. J. Davies,
Hamilton, Ont.,
20 April 1878.

P.S. - I beg of you not to fish any more on Sunday. - There is a man who wants your \$6. Get the fishing privileges you enjoy.

My dear Sir -

He is - he plans to join you -

Yours, White,
J. W. L. Davies, 20 April 1878.

to the house to be built, and send you
 receipt for \$10.00; 1878. -
 please apply the same as follows.

1. Henry and Charles King - on acct of Boat License
 (ready received - for current year - 5.00.
2. John Wolfeland - Sealine - for boat license
 to fish gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the
 Township of Scarborough, the license to be \$5.00
 on acct. 2.00.
3. John Francis and Charles Reid, of Port Credit
 a boat license to be paid same as last year. 5.00
4. John Reid, the Miller - a license to fish be-
 tween the Buck wharf and the mill race, in Lake
 Ontario a boat 200 ft. long, and 500 yards of
 gill net in the Lake and Mill race fronts
 town ship - the gill nets to be paid up to the
 10th day of this year. 5.00.

Total \$17.00

I have the Honor to be
 Sir,
 Your obedient
 John Reid

My dear Sir,

Will you be please to find your
 license here with. On receipt be so good as to send me
 balance of license fee of \$5.00 with kind regards to you
 and yours, believe me -
 Sir Joseph Black,
 Barrister
 100 King Street, N.Y.C.

John W. Black
 20 April 1878.

My dear Sir,

Will you please find your license herewith
 be so good as to send me balance of your license on re-
 ceipt, with kind regards. -
 Sir Joseph Black,
 Barrister
 100 King Street, N.Y.C.

John W. Black
 20 April 1878.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to send me the \$5.00 dollars on receipt. The close season for purchase is between the 15th of April and the 15th of May. - How don't forget this. With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,
J. H. H. H.

John H. H.
20 April 1878.

My dear Sir,

I send you license herewith. Will you be pleased to send me the \$5.00 dollars on receipt.

The close season for purchase is between the 15th of April and the 15th of May. - How don't forget this. With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,
J. H. H. H.

John H. H.
20 April 1878.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to send me the \$5.00 dollars on receipt.

The close season for purchase is between the 15th of April and the 15th of May. - How don't forget this. With kind regards,

Your boundary is very extensive, whenever you get up a gang of Hunt or Herring gill nets, I will have to raise it to \$20.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. H. H.

John H. H.
20 April 1878.

Postpaid 10¢
paid 10¢

My dear Sir,
 It is very much pleased to hear from you
 about the 15th of April of your own place at the
 next year. The same being in Lake Ontario.

Yours truly,
 J. C. Lathrop

20 April 1898.
 P.S. - I have been very pleased to hear from the 15th
 of April. The 15th of May - please be careful to have
 the same strictly -

My dear Sir,
 It is very much pleased to hear from you
 about the 2nd of May. The 15th of May -
 the same being in Lake Ontario. A separate letter is
 required. -
 Please tell Mr. Lathrop that he need not pay for
 his boat license, but with kind regards.

Yours truly,
 J. C. Lathrop

My dear Sir -
 I have been very much pleased to hear from you
 about the 15th of April. The 15th of May - please be
 careful to have the same strictly. -
 With kind regards.

Yours truly,
 J. C. Lathrop

26 April, Write Mr. Anderson & Mayhew
 regarding the same.

because I am so sorry to hear you were
sick, — With kind regards —

Yours truly
John W. Kerr
D.O.

20. of Dec 1878.

Please find the enclosed license to George
Ridgeway. — Yours truly
John W. Kerr
D.O.

private
My dear Sir,

Your favour of the 22nd instant, duly
received. — In answering a communication from
the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. I will come right up.

I am greatly obliged to you for your promptness
in giving me the information your welcome letter con-
tains, and with my kind and warm respects to
your father, mother and all the members of your
family, believe me, yours sincerely

John W. Kerr
D.O.

Mr Daniel W. Clark
Ridgeway,
Ont.

26. April 1878.

My dear Sir,

Your friend (Jim Miller) Mr. Jas:
Miller having declined to rent either the 15. 16. Mile Creek,
any other place to fish in. —

While you be pleased to send me \$15, and I
will recommend your application for it, the 16. to be
granted at once.

Others beside you, have applied for it, but I
will recommend you to get it, as soon as you can
once. Remember me kindly to Mr. A. St. John

Mr. Dick Gilbert
Fisherman
Middleport
Jordan.

Yours truly
John W. Kerr
D.O.

20. April 1878.

I have been offered on 20. by
Mr. Miller for the 16. Mile Creek.

My dear Sir,

Now kind friends of the 25th inst. and your
kindness for which I thank you much.

Some people having in the name of the 11th of June, been
applied to me and have been to get for me the 11th of June, being
said to have submitted for me for the 11th of June, being
definitely settled. - As soon as I have seen the 11th of June, I
will write down and have ready made a plan for the
11th of June, being carried on the 11th of June, being
transmitted of the 11th of June.

I thank you much for the 11th of June, being
carried on the 11th of June, being carried on the 11th of June, being
transmitted of the 11th of June.

Yours truly,

John Brown

11th of June

11th of June

11th of June 1872

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to give me
Charles H. and Thomas H. and their children.

I will be pleased to have you next morning,
by 11 o'clock train that leaves here and will bring the
eggs and some old fish for you. please send
word and oblige.

James J. Wilson

11th of June

11th of June

Yours truly

John Brown

11th of June 1872

My dear Sir,

I must have your letter for at once
otherwise I will have to give you.

Please send me at once \$5, for last season,
and \$5, for this season. Don't fail to do this at once,
or receipt, and send all papers for the 11th of June.

Yours truly
John Brown

11th of June

11th of June 1872

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to let me have
your name in the 1898 fishing during the next season of 5,
and for the present season of 5 -

The regulation is always to pay in advance
each year before you, or any other person concerned
under Section 3. of Section 10 of the Act.

No license of a fisher, shall have any
claim to renewal of license if in arrears of rent,
during the month after the same is due.

I am very good friend have please pay
at once in full.
Yours truly,
J. A. G. D.

Wm. A. G. D.

April 24th 1898

Sunday, 24. April 1898. -

At Sus: Bridge, Fort Erie, and Bertie, say lot 21,
Broken front location, - on Lake Erie - in front of Ridge=
way, - saw Daniel Claus - and got all the information
from him - about Andrew Hardison, and John M. Fulmer -
fishing without a license, and fishing on
Sunday 28. April, in contravention of the Fisheries
Act. - Went out at 10. - a. m. came in 12.30. a. m.
29th of April - dinner 30[¢]. - Railway fare 1⁴⁵. -
Steam for 2 days 5.00¢, supper for two 50¢ bed
25[¢]. - Miles - - -

Monday 29. April 1898. - -

At same place, found John M. Fulmer, and
his father fishing up a long line with hooks, seine
boat, bars - bail, - hooks and a gill net. - notified
John M. Fulmer - and Andrew Hardison, to appear
before A. J. Hill Esq. Police Magistrate at Fort
Erie, - on the next day at 11. o'clock, a. m. - Thence
up the Lake to George Lay, - thence back to Fort
Erie, - Miles about 26, - brought the net, lines and
hooks to Fort Erie with me. - - - went out at 4,
a. m. Came in 3.30. p. m. - Telegraph 35¢
dinner for two 50¢ breakfast 50¢, bed 50¢ - bed 25.
Telegraph Answered 25¢. - -

Tuesday, 30. April 1878. —

At Fort Erie, A. G. Still Reg^{re}, Police Magistrate, Chelton, appeared at Fort Erie, at 11.30, A.M. — when John G. Gable, and Andrew Stardison came before him, charged by me, with fishing without a license, in Lake Erie, and fishing on Sunday, the 28th day of April, in front of lot 21, Bertie, as per report, dated 2^d May 1878. — They were fined 5⁰⁰ and 2.50 costs, or 8 days each in Jail, which they paid.

I sent Emanuel Vassiliou up for the boat, which he brought down to me on a Wagon — for which I paid him \$2 — I also gave a dollar to a boy to take the boat down to Black Creek, and 1.50, and 10¢, to bring it by Railway to Niagara — together with gill net, and hooks and lines — I gave them up to Mr. Thos. Elliot to take charge of them. Breakfast 25¢ dinner for two 50, Railway fare 65¢ 25¢, miles 5¢. — — — — — had supper 50¢

Wednesday, 1st May 1878. —

At Niagara, — thence to Chippawa, and up the Creek to the mouth of Lyons Creek, found a gill net right across the mouth of the same; — J. K. Lyons was with me. Railway fare 65¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner 25¢, Horse and buggy 1.50, — Railway fare to Hamilton \$1.75¢. — — — — — miles

Sir,

2^d May 1878. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to issue to Mr. Charles Murdock, of Bertie, to fish a seine in Lake Erie, in front of lot No. 29, Broken post, containing 20 chains Lake frontage, from post to post, The license fee, for this season to be five dollars, paid in advance. — — —

The place is in front of his own residence and farm, and is twelve miles from the old Fort Fort Erie, I recommend the same may be granted at once. — —

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J. W.

Hon: Minister.

Sir,

2. May 1878. -

I have just received your letter of 20. ultimo apprising me that The Minister has ordered the issue of a cheque for \$40. - in payment of Mr Edwin Turner's claim for \$60. - for building a fishway on his mill dam across the Credit River. - -

In reply, I have to report, that I have no right nor a desire to call in question the munificence of Sir Albert J. Smith, the Minister, in this case. - - -

In my report to you dated 20. of April last, I recommended what I deemed was all the power, I had under sub-section 3. of Section 12. of the Fisheries Act, this sub-section I believe justified me in doing so. - - -

With respect to your remark - "It is noticed that Mr Turner - mentions in his petition that you promised him, he would be reimbursed for the whole cost of this work." - &c. &c. &c. -

I observed it also - and I have now to report "most positively" - that I did nothing of the kind - All I ever said or done in the matter was to read the law on fishways to Mr Edwin Turner - at his request when serving notices, and I have never seen him since - Mr Turner, has written me two or three letters on the subject of compensation. - It was however, only when I received your order, to report upon Mr Turner's petition, that I reported thereon after I inspected the fishway on the 19th of April last. - I never saw Mr Edwin Turner, since 22^d June 1877. - -

I trust and hope that you do not believe everything that is written and told to you about me, I try to obey your orders, and be guided by the law, rules and regulations of the department alone. - - -

I may further state for your information that a third person stood by, and heard what I did say, to Mr Turner, - on the occasion, the only one referred to, and this person can corroborate what I say, if you disbelieve me. - - -

I just know to a nicety, the estimate of my power in fishway compensation is \$100, and under your orders I governed myself accordingly. -

I Have &c

Hon: Minister,

L. V. V.

I should be so

D. O.

Sir,

2. May 1878. -

I have the honor to report, that on Tuesday the 30. day of April, at Fort Erie, I brought Andrew Hardison, a Sadler, and farmer, and John M. Feltner - farmer - resident in Ridgeway Township of Bertie, and County of Welland before J. J. Hall Esq. Police Magistrate, who were charged by me - "With fishing for, catching and killing fish in Lake Erie at Bertie, without a license, from the Department of Marine and Fisheries?" - Ottawa. -

"And also for fishing for and catching fish at the same place with a gill net and for letting out about 200 Hooks and lines, in Lake Erie at Bertie on Sunday the 28th day of April, in contravention of the Fisheries Act?" -

They pleaded guilty, and were fined \$5. and 2.50. Costs each - or 8 days in Jail. - They paid their fines. -

The facts are as follows; These men went out last Sunday morning, (a habit they had of doing) fished up their gill net, and caught seven fish there. They then started in a boat, a Clucker, I have seized, crossed the Niagara River at Fort Erie, to the Water Works on the American side of the River, at Buffalo, where by the aid of friends and small nets they caught a large quantity of bait, which they conveyed back alive in a barrel of water to the place referred to, and which is about 10 miles, up Lake Erie - from the Old Fort, Fort Erie. -

It was then about 12 o'clock, noon - on Sunday when they got back there. - They baited up their hooks, &c. lines with the bait aforesaid, and set them out. -

On Saturday evening last, I received a letter from Ridgeway, that such illegal fishing was being carried on. - In consequence of which, I took the train from here on Sunday at 11.30, A.M. - to Buffalo, crossed over to Fort Erie - by the Ferry, hired a Team - and team - manned by Constable Thomas H. Wyne, - of Clifton, - arrived at the scene of this illegal fishing just at dark on Sunday evening where my informant Daniel W. Claves lives, and I learned the particulars in detail as herein set forth.

I there remained on the alert until Monday morning when John M. Feltner, and Andrew Hardison came down at about 5 o'clock A.M. to where their boat was, locked up, hitched their horse to the fence, unlocked the boat, and in it, went out on the Lake, and fished up the Hooks and fish caught thereon. -

The Constables and myself, being in ambush, instantly after the boat touched the beach, made our appearance and seized the boat, a sail, pair of oars, the gill net, hooks, and line and grapple, which were all confiscated, in addition to the fines imposed. -

As this illegal fishing has to be stopped altogether, I have taken the precaution of removing the boat, &c. to be deposited to the Town of Niagara, where I have placed them in keeping. - The boat, sail and oars is worth about of 30. - The gill net about 75 - and the hooks and lines 74. -

Waiting further orders - I am with due respect,
Yours &c. &c.

John W. Lewis

John W. Lewis
D.O.

Friday, 3. May 1878.

at Toronto, found all regular - went out at 8. a.m. - Came in at 4.30, p.m. - Miles 86. -
Railway fare #2. dinner 50¢. Boat & Buggy 1.50, -

4 May - wrote to Dan. W. Chase - of Ridgeway, Ontario - in re. Madison and Gales.

4. May. wrote Mr. Thos. Elliot in re. Bolton and Billy Campbell - fishermen Niagara - Onto.

Monday 6. May 1878.

On the bay and beach, and around by the plains I found all regular except some near the Bay side, which I ordered to be removed. - thence round by the plains, Tolls 2¢, dinner 50¢ Horse and Buggy 2.00, miles about 30. Roads bad. - went out at 8, a.m. came in at 5.30, p.m. - saw the same landing fishing men, - saw their Licenses.

Tuesday 7. May 1878. -

at Port Hope to see James J. Wilson and Thomas M. Reed, regarding their license gave them some fish. Told me to get for catch and take fish in the River until they have home again and out at 6. a.m. came in at 4 p.m. - Miles 60. - My fare 1.50, breakfast and dinner 75¢.

20 June 1890 -
I have the honor to receive copy of the petition to you signed by
the Hon. Charles Nelson French Esq. President of the House for the County
of Windsor, and John King Esq. Member of Council and 42 others, - "In to the
Signers of a Petition to your Honor signed on 20th June 1890 for the
abolition of the Game Law - and now referred to me by you,
for my report."

The petitioners represent, &c. The aforesaid Councille
applies us, the undersigned that he had no idea he was vio-
lating the law in going somewhere on the beach near Point
Albion, as he was not aware the grounds had ever been leased
by the Government."

In reply I must report that this language, altho very
innocent and mild, is by no means true. - Mr. Van der Kolk is an
old hunter & a well known hunter with the Fisheries Act, and
regulations, &c. as he is employed by me in hunting deer in
cases heretofore tried at Port Louis before Charles Thibault Esq. J. P. - in which several persons were fined for contravention
of the Act. - Ignorance of the Fisheries Act, deliberately stated
by the petitioners in this case may seem very plausible but
as Van der Kolk, and his men made their hauls on the beach
they visited, where I found the deer to be true facts I signed, he
could plead ignorance of the Fisheries Act, and so petitioners
statement is of no effect. -

Please refer to my report of 14th April's instant. -
24. And his object in going on the aforesaid grounds was
to find out the line where he wanted to get some in suffi-
cient quantities to make it profitable and in the night of such
being the case it was his intention to make application to the
Government to get on the aforesaid grounds. -

In reply to all this I don't admit it, & I have to report that
the Order in Council is plain and very explicit on this head, and
cannot be set aside. - Mr. Van der Kolk, and the petitioners are
guilty of it, as I had the same posted all over my district
and Van - posted for me, in such such similar cases before
Charles Thibault Esq. J. P. - and at Port Louis. - "Hence?"

Tricking by means of traps or other apparatus in case under
Forest and Game from the department of pleasure and fishing
is prohibited in all the waters of Ontario. - I don't think it
after I had told him, that he should have applied to me
first, and I should have applied to you. For permission, he
goes he is sure to get it, breaking the law, and all
the rest of which I have ample proof, and which he is in
the habit of doing. - The petitioners I think ought to prove
down all such contravention of the Fisheries Act.

32. And from the character of the aforesaid Van der Kolk
the undersigned feel satisfied he would in no way in-
tentionally violate the law in consideration of these facts.

he resigned hope the Government will take a favorable view of the matter, and direct the restoration of the property. -

In reply to this special pleading, but no facts, which carries no impression to my mind in his favor, I have to report that the boat which was captured on the occasion referred to, for contravention of the Fisheries Act, &c., is the property of Mr. John Poulis, a Baker in Fort Erie, - who when he observed me at Fort Erie on the 9th instant, dispatched a boy and horse, to tell Vausickle, who was a distance of 10 miles from Fort Erie, to get everything laid out of the way, - as I was going up in the direction of Point Abino, - This - and by - told me all this, and he would have succeeded only it was blowing a gale off the Lake which prevented them launching the boat. - - -

This and other facts which came to my personal observation has entirely set aside the whole of the special pleading for his Constable. - - - The boat is the property of Mr. Charles Gable, who drew up the petition, and heads the list of signers thereto, - Mr. Gable told me so himself on the morning of the 10th of April, when he called on me at the Hotel, where I was stopping, after my return to Fort Erie. - - - Vausickle told me he was to give \$35, for the boat, and \$5, for the boat when he caught fish sufficient to do so. - Thus! you can form your own opinion. - - -

John Poulis and Emanuel Vausickle made two hauls at Point Abino last fall. - - Mr. Whitchee, the Commissioner drew my attention to report of pound net fishing, and I sent to these and detested them, - He would fish on for a long time without my knowledge. He should have applied to the Government for a license to fish, such at least is my belief. -

I have no objection whatever to the Seine being restored, only I want the dollars I paid for a season, &c., engaged to carry the Seine, &c., to Fort Erie and Abino.

I hope in your decision you will inform the petitioners our Fisheries Act, is not to be trifled with. - - -

The good Seine hauling grounds have now become necessary through a winter being severe, I beg to recommend that the Seine may be laid off to meet the present state of emergency, ^{for fish} on Lake Erie, between Windmill Point and the Colborne, or at any other suitable place I can find. - - - Perhaps after all, the crew have paid I deem it advisable to I beg to recommend that the Seine be restored.

by the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, I submit the same. - And I further recommend that Mr. Emanuel Vausickle be permitted to fish under a Seine hauling license, fee of \$15, with a caution from you, to be more careful in the future. - - -

- - - The same persons have understood some thing and some have small nets, I recommend that all be permitted to fish and catch under a license from the Department. - And I have to recommend that you will be pleased to send me six blank Seine hauling licenses, and eight boat gill net licenses. - -

I await three of the latter for Chippewa Lake, and with much respect, -

Hon. Minister,

Y. Y. Y.

I have &c

John W. Kerr,
T.O. -

8. May 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for Seine hauling licenses, for the undermentioned to fish in Lake Ontario, at B. beach, during this current season.

1. Mortimer Corey. - For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 2, to be same as last year. 10.00.
2. Benjamin Golder. - For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 4. 10.00.
3. David Fitch. - For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 7. do. do. do. 10.00.
4. David M. Goyne. - For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, Station No: 11. do. do. do. 10.00.
5. Thomas Martin. - For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach - Station No: 12. do. do. do. 10.00.
6. John Laaffs. - For Seine hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on B. beach - Station No: 9. do. do. do. 10.00.

I have &c

The Hon. Secy

The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa,

John W. Kerr

G. Ousear,

Burlington Bay Fisheries.

The following letter has been received by the city and county members:

GENTLEMEN, - The Minister desires me to inform you, that, in accordance with your request, net licenses will be discontinued in Burlington Bay after the termination of those already issued for the current season. The usual privileges of angling, trolling and spearing (the latter under special licenses for specific periods) will continue. Instructions to the Fishery Officers have been issued to such effect.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. I. WITCHER,

For the Hon. Minister of
Marine and Fisheries.

Messrs. Thos. Bain, Jos. Rymal and A. T. Wood.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this question has now been effectually and satisfactorily settled, and we presume all parties interested will be gratified to know that their efforts to secure proper protection for the fish in Burlington Bay and the Dundas Marsh have at last been fully recognized by the Fishery Department, and that for the future no more favoritism in the granting of licenses can be indulged in by Mr. Fishery Inspector Kerr. -
Dundas Banner.

Sir,

8 May 1872.

I have the honor to apply to you for boat and gill net license for the Undermentioned to fish in Lake Ontario at Niagara, for this current year, the licenses to be filled up the same as last year.

1. John Bolton, - 1500 yards of 5" mesh, extension measure, white fish gill net, and 1500 yards of 3" mesh extension measure. \$ 5.00,
2. James Cantwell do, do, to be the same as last year. \$ 5.00,
3. Charles, and Alfred Ball, do, do, to be the same as last year. \$ 5.00
4. Messrs Joseph Masters, and John Reith, do, do, to be the same as the last year. \$ 5.00.

and with due respect

I have &c

Yours Minister,

John W. Kerr

N.B.

W.H.

8 May 1872.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for Seine Fishing license for Mr. John Bolton of Niagara to fish at the two Mile Creek for White fish during this current season the license to be the same as last season.

I have also the honor to apply to you, for a Seine Fishing license for Mr. James Cantwell of Niagara to fish in Lake Ontario at the two Mile Creek for White fish, during this current season the license to be the same as last season.

Yours

Yours Minister

John W. Kerr

FISHING IN BURLINGTON BAY.

By reference to our Ottawa despatch, it will be seen that important changes are to be made in the regulations governing fishing inside of Burlington Bay. The new rules will prove satisfactory in securing "equal justice to all interested parties." Under the old rules equal justice was the exception and partiality the rule.

BURLINGTON BAY AND THE FISHERY REGULATIONS.

Some weeks ago a meeting of the farmers and other residents along the north shore of Burlington Bay was held, to discuss the fishery regulations in force there. The speakers deprecated the fact that they were entirely prohibited from netting and seining in the Bay, while the residents along the south shore had that privilege. Henry Binkley was chosen as a delegate to come to Ottawa and lay the case before the Department. Having arrived yesterday, he, with Messrs. Bain, Rymal and Wood, waited

this morning on the Minister of Marine and Fisheries who gave them his best attention. Having carefully discussed the matter Sir Albert Smith told the deputation that if the several members then present would embody their views of what was fair in several articles he would see that they were issued as instructions and were duly carried out. The following petition was presented:

To the Right Hon. Sir A. J. Smith, Minister of Marine and Fisheries:

SIR,—In terms of your reference at our interview with you this morning the undersigned representing the constituencies that border on Burlington Bay, have agreed respecting the fishing in the Bay as follows:

1. That at the termination of the present licenses issued for gill nets and seines (fourteen in number) inside of Burlington Bay, that no more licenses for nets or seines of any kind be issued inside of the Bay, and that the use of all such nets and seines be strictly prohibited; that the present arrangement by which the herring and pike spearing and spearing through the ice be continued—that is, on one license, from Nov. 10 to April 20, except a short time at the holidays—it being satisfactory to those interested.

2. That the hook and line fishing and trawling be continued under existing arrangements, the object being to secure that the fish shall be allowed a reasonable increase in the Bay, while at the same time equal justice shall be done to all interested parties.

The above was duly signed by the members present, and sent this afternoon to the Department where it will be acted upon.

I have the honor to receive from you copy of James Lindbergh's letter to the Hon. William H. Burdette in, March 1876 - Thus, taking the liberty of addressing you thus, hoping thereby to have the success which I have to complain of settled either for, or against me, as you may think fit, as I cannot get any satisfactory settlement from the House at the time.

1891. What I have to say of is this in the first place
the fishing grounds I rented at your little dock was 1/2 of a
mile long & 1/2 of a mile wide. I at once took your receipt about 250
yours to our lease to a game and Hotel keeper in St. Catharines
the house was by order of the department.

In reply to this part of Mr. James Lamberton's proposition, I have the honor to report, and I accordingly refer you to my report dated as far back as the 23rd of August 1861, a premium of 12 per cent. 7, on the which I made them under the Hon. Commissioner of Labor Funds. Mr. James Lamberton and by his agents to visit the distribution and distribution of the Chicago pictures. James and James the Commissioner on his old building from call at the time getting station No. 10. Compensating and getting for the postage instead of 250 yards postage with an extra then on each side, was accordingly set forth by him, I was back as who just introduced the whole paper and his it from a person who then Mr. James to run as a getting station next to himself, and this is what he now hopes will to you as premiums but you will perceive it has no bottom in it. The average rental then was \$30.- and this has been during the period of years reduced to \$20. even to \$10. per year but last season I put it up again to \$15, with your approbation; and thus you will please perceive that James Lamberton has tried to deceive you by withholding from you the reasons why! - Wherefore and the date of all this imaginary premiums? He had to make you think it had only recently happened then to make the thing big and the more important a premium, he has had Mr. J. B. Plumb M. P. of Chicago to lay the matter before you, with his letter reports of his statement to the Commissioners.

Salisbury has not only occupied the 20 claims ^{in and about} No. 10, station during the last 2 years, and 7 months, but the last 17 months, occupying Station No. 11, for the last 2 years.

2^d James Bartholomew, - says of late the fishing has got to be
very poor here, - so that there is no time to make any payment
for boats and supporting family. I would require to fish with
hook & line, as well as netting nets.

In reply to all this, I might say that if getting was poor, which is questionable, his return was an increase from \$30. to \$40. - having been treated with consideration I don't see what he has to complain of, in this direction.

As to family he has only himself and wife & that

now will please perceive the word *permitted*, sounds very small
 source.

3rd "To do that I require bait and bait can be caught, in
 the Niagara River in front of my door, all the time round,
 weather permitting, &c. &c."

In reply to this clause of James Cartwells petition I
 have to report, that I inquired it is *optional* to *stop*? Thomas
 Elliott and boy, - the occupants and licensees of the Seine
 hauling ground in front of Mr. Cartwells house, - the
 Niagara River, - to which he refers; whether they allow him
 to fish on their ground for bait, or not. - The 13. section of
 the Act, states positively he cannot do so, except by the
 permission of the occupants, &c. &c. &c. "For my part I do
 not find there is anything in the Fisheries Act, to compel a
 licensee of a Seine hauling ground, in the waters of Ontario,
 to allow another fisherman to fish for, and catch Herring,
 to be used for bait."

However, I will give you, Mr. Thomas Elliotts words
 on the subject: "I gave him the privilege of fishing for
 bait, and please be chose on the fishing ground except
 on that ^{part} occupied by John Alford, but he replied it would
 be no use only on that part occupied by John Alford,
 and John Alford states 'I offer him bait at wholesale
 prices.' And I may here report that I was cognizant of
 all this matter."

"The grounds I speak of for catching bait, are about
 1/4th mile long and are leased to two individuals, one of
 whom is an American, at about \$5. and \$15 per year
 respectively."

I may inform you in reply, that the grounds re-
 ferred to, are about the extent Cartwell says; But he
 has wilfully omitted I presume to tell you, that at his instance
 on the 12th day of July 1876, I applied to your Honor, - for a Seine
 hauling ground license - within the limits referred to. - License
 was to be \$10. and after I received it from you, Cartwell
 came to take it. The grounds not yielded upon day
 about one mile are leased to Messrs. Elliott and boy only
 so as to keep away trespassers.

The grounds are leased to three persons at present
 for \$20, instead of to two persons. Thomas Elliott is a
 Canadian. John Alford, the presumed American
 is an Englishman, and Thomas Elliott is a Canadian
 whose father and mother were Scotch.

Mr. Elliott has been in possession of the Niagara River
 fishing rights for, - in front of his house and for about
 20 years his father occupied it before him, while
 it was finally by accident that James Cartwell
 got in front of the fishing ground he now occupies and

lies so much about. - -

5th. Now I had been paying rent to the Government ever since the fisheries were leased out, and am I think deserving of fair play in this matter, what I ask is to be allowed to fish for bait on the grounds now occupied by John Alfred, one of the parties above mentioned. - -

In reply to all this, I have to report that Mr Thomas Elliot, has been paying rent for these grounds to the Government, before James Cantwell took up his residence at St. Agnes from B. beach, - and Mr Elliot has always been punctual in his payments and I should ^{deeply} regret if you feel it now expedient to order him to take James Cantwell in as a partner in this business without first consulting Mr Elliot on the subject, and which is the identical thing James Cantwell tried to induce and persuade me to do, joining which, he has had to resort to you himself by the way of Mr J. B. Plunkett & Co. & Co. - - -

6th. And for the said privilege I am willing to pay an extra license fee, in addition to what I now pay equal in amount to the sum paid by John Alfred and I do not in any way wish him to be deprived of the right he now enjoys, I only want equal rights in the matter, I was promised the right I ask by Mr. Alf. on the 5th of January but he has since been giving me to understand that is my reason for troubling you in the matter. -

In reply I will have to give you the facts in this matter as appears true, that when it was arranged by Mr Elliot & John Alfred and I was assured that John Alfred when he cleared this small piece of Mr Elliot's fishing ground near the Lauch House, Niagara River, of large logs and sticks he was to have the exclusive right to fish there so far as Elliot was concerned, and at a moderate nominal rental until the ground was cleared. - Alfred had to work with continuous rain by the aid of his friends, fishermen and others, (Cantwell except) I was not to go in for a share in it. It was about January (the 5th) that Cantwell being in (St. Agnes) applied verbally to me to get out the license jointly with John (John M. Alfred) as he is familiarly known. - Cantwell said I must not tell Mr Elliot, I told Cantwell I must see Mr Alfred first. - I did see Mr Alfred who informed me there was no arrangement between him and Cantwell big Jim - that he Jim had never spoken to him about it and that he would never enter into any partnership with Cantwell. - I also had previously told Mr Elliot and Mr. Alf. the other facts. - - Since Cantwell came me at the time, his object was to be near home, as his

wife was going to the United States, (a Canad) and he would if he got in with Uncle John, give up his fishing ground at the Little Lake. - I never made him any promise whatever, and I would not be a party to such an underhand & cunning trick - then he stormed, swore, & threatened - after which he addressed this letter to your Honor. -

I may here state that last winter, being a very mild open winter - Uncle John has reaped the fruits of his labour by catching beaver on this ground, which he sold to advantage. He also caught beaver elsewhere while out with his travelling line, but he voluntarily releases them to their native waters, he will not & I assure you will not be law, as laid down by your Honor the guidance of fishermen. - -

Only one month or so in the spring of the year, have but he had on the ground beaver by myself and others on the Lake there? -

In reply to all this, I must tell you, that I never knew Mr. Elliot, nor John Elliot, to refuse giving bait to beaver but to any other fishermen, in fact I have known the former giving them beaver property for beaver bait! -

These fishermen must give bait to beaver but beaver in this part of the river, the beaver are in the Niagara River, but no fishing is ever allowed on there ^{during winter} except at the beaver, up the river 20 miles; - - - so that you must not believe what he says that your beaver bait is telling you nothing but the truth. - -

... in the river, therefore to be obtained all the year round, and the former is not I think it right to give bait, that those who fish on the Lake there, should have the right to catch bait in the river by paying whatever amount is considered right, or to make the matter more plain, the way I am now situated, if I desire to fish for beaver, or other fish which take the bait? - - I have to pay a large price for beaver bait? -

In reply, I must say, it is not correct what John, beaver states here, as he is the only fisherman at Niagara who has a beaver wish, and desire to, invade beaver rights, against their will and consent, and I consider him just as well treated in the premises, as the other Lake there fishermen at beaver - who have never yet attempted to force themselves into other people's company against their will and consent. - -

Let Mr. J. W. Plumb, M. J., take a common sense view of both sides in this matter. Just! has your Honor to state the wishes and beaver of a

man, that nothing can satisfy.

I cannot but think not unreasonable that he should be granted any such privilege as he has to induce you and me by strategies to get him, a privilege of fishing in despite of other people's feelings and send him to the bottom, notwithstanding.

Since leaving my tenure of office, Mr James Cook has attempted to get fishing in the River Thames, twelve years ago, when Mr Thomas Elliot was a little out of his mind, he tried it. It was only last year, when Mr Elliot was slightly affected in his mind again. And now we find that last year, when at his Customs residence in London, I cannot be anything but plain spoken in what I feel it my duty to report to you.

It is sometimes said to Mr Cook, I shall be where if I had the right to ask, I could get all I want in front of my own door - and would be dependent on no body. - Hoping you will give the matter your consideration, and awaiting your answer.

In answer to this I have only report that James Cook's house is situated as a mile to you, and is to be sold with another lot; but this is only 30 miles by Roadway from Abingdon. - The Abingdon River above the Falls is now left apart to go. It is certain he will get no more bait from that place. - If he had the village of catching fishing for bait, and send you this only, but into the river last January, he would sell the River and not bait them, but being of a candid opinion, I must decline saying one word to you in his favor, because he has abundance of Chubb and perch and all sorts and white fish and nets, with a seine 400 yards long, whilst Mr Elliot & Co. have only four small seines altogether, and with no other whatsover.

Mr J. R. Elliot, Mr P. Elliot, Mr Thomas Elliot, Thomas Elliot, your old friend, as I have no objection whatever, if you show him my report on James Cook's application, and with due respect,

I have the

Most sincere

Respect

J. R. Elliot

M. S.

I thank letters from Mr Elliot, and Mr Cook, for your reference. I have heard from me, Mr Elliot, is high, and I would have had a letter from him.

J. R. Elliot

O.

My dear Sir,

16. May 1878.

On the 11th instant, I wrote you, and returned the five dollars, you gave me for a license to fish in Lake Erie, in front of your own property, township of Bertie.

Today, however, I received authority from the department of Fisheries - Ottawa, to license in Lake Erie, from Niagara point to Port Colborne; so that you may on receipt of this receive your fishing again, and when I come up soon, you can give me back the \$5, again. With kind regards,

Y^{rs} Truly,
Mr. Charles Murdock,
Bertie.
Ridgeway Post Office.

Y^{rs} Truly,
John W. Kerr,
J.O.

My dear Sir,

I have just received a copy of a letter from the Fisheries department, Ottawa, in reply to the application of James Lamberton, of Niagara to fish and catch bait on your seine hauling grounds at Niagara: - and for the information of all and every one concerned, I now send you a copy, and with kind regards to all believe me Very Sincerely

Y^{rs} Truly,
John W. Kerr J.O.

Mr. Thos. Elliott,
Niagara.

16. May 1878.

P.S. - As Mr. J. may not read his letter to the other fishermen - you will please read the copy herewith to them in oblige. J. W. Kerr
J.O.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 20. instant, I also received from the Fisheries department, copy of letter sent you, for the same.

I will send you the Boat some day next week, of which I will give you due and timely notice.

I was sorry to learn that Jacob Claus was joined \$9.204. and with kind regards.

Y^{rs} Truly,
Jno. N. Truller
and
Andrew R. Anderson
Ridgeway.

Y^{rs} Truly,
John W. Kerr
J.O.

25. May 1878.

My dear Sir,

11. May 1878.

I have to inform you, that I made an application to the Hon^{ble} the Minister of Marine and Fisheries Ottawa, on the 2^d of May inst., for a Small Boat License being granted to you to fish during this season in Lake Erie, in front of your own place, in North Harbour, Ontario: —

In reply to which I received the following answer: "Thus! — In answer to your letter of 2^d inst., I am to state that this department is not at present prepared to grant fishing licenses to fish boats or lines between Point Abino, and the old fort, but here?"

and You must therefore go the present season and stop all fishing of any description on your part, fishing with rods, hooks and lines only permitted.

I send you back your license for 1/5. for your office order, to the post office at Kingston.

And with my best respects,

Yours truly,

Mr Charles Murdoch,

Lot 21. Bertie,

on Lake Shore,

Ridgeway P.O.

John W. B. O.

St. Catharines,

Monmouth Co. N.Y.

11. May 1878. —
John W. B. O.

Monday. 20. May 1878. —

On B. beach, — found pig pens recently erected behind the stables of the Green House — also found rubbish on the beach of the Bay. Please show the Messrs Hoads — Green House — draw the attention of Mr Hoad to this in the Royal Hotel. the next day. — who promised to state the absence went out at 9.30 a.m. came in at 6.30 p.m. called 24. 54 + 13 = 2.60. —

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, you can have a license to fish the small boat referred to, by sending me the small fee of 4/5. Hoping you will remain happy in Lake Erie.

I am yours sincerely,

Mr James Rother,

St. Catharines.

John W. B. O.

25 May 1878.

Sir,

20. May 1878. -

I have the honor to report, that I deem it advisable to consult the Commissioners personally, about the adoption of fish acts, in Lake Ontario, in my division or all fishing purposes. - And the dispensation with some fishing altogether, - and with due respect,

I have

The Hon.

The Minister

John W. Kerr

F.O.

Sir,

20. May 1878. -

I have the honor to report that I want to come down to Ottawa, and endeavour through the department to obtain a piece of Ardenne Land at Niagara, upon which I propose to build a small fish breeding establishment. - - -

I hope to be able to do this, without asking any outlay or expense from the Fisheries department, hence I would like to have a personal consultation at the Fisheries department Ottawa. -

And with due respect

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

F.O.

Wednesday, 22. May 1878. -

at Toronto, by request of Samuel Wilmot Esq^r to meet Mr. James Niven - who had 10,000. Salmon fry thence to Mr. Howland's Mill, River St. Huber, Dundas Street and delivered them to the waters of the Humber, back again to Toronto and home - went out at 6. a. m. came in at 5. p. m. - Miles 100. 144 Wd 3.00. and My of 2. breakfast and dinner 60¢. 144 B. 1.50.

SALMON.—The other day a salmon was caught in the river at the town of Niagara. This is the first salmon caught in the Niagara during the last forty years. It weighed 8½ lbs. So much for our fish-breeding institutions and the protection afforded the fish.

SALMON FRY.—On Tuesday Mr. John W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector at this port, received a telegram from Mr. Samuel Wilmot, Superintendent of all the Government fish breeding establishments in the Dominion, asking him to meet his agent at Toronto. Mr. Kerr did so, meeting Mr. Niven, of the Sandwich breeding grounds, but now stationed at Newcastle distributing salmon fry. These two gentlemen proceeded to the Humber, and near Howland's mills deposited 10,000 salmon fry, 5,000 of which were hatched from eggs brought all the way from British Columbia. The selection of Mr. Kerr to assist in this work is a tribute paid to his intelligence and experience.

HAD BETTER PAY UP.—We are desired to say that those parties who have not paid their spearing license will be brought before the Police Magistrate at once by Mr. Kerr, the Inspector.

Sir,

11 May 1873.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the petition of Messrs. Black & Barnes in connection with the lately licensed fishery on the Niagara River.

I am satisfied from my own personal knowledge and observation that the statements made in the petition are strictly true and correct.

I also submit hereto an article I have this day cut from the Toronto Press, a newspaper in which my attention has been drawn by Mr. John D. Macdonald of this City a warm supporter of the Government.

In connection with this and other matters of interest in my division, I beg most respectfully to leave to Mr. Black & Barnes to Ottawa.

And with due respect

I have

Sincerely

Yours

Sir,

11 May 1873.

I have the honor to enclose you a draft of \$15.00 for the sum of Fifteen dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for a fishing license in the Section No. 10 in the area of the Lake as part of the said pond the same being in the Township of York and County of York.

In connection with this license I take leave to inform you that the St. Catharines Game and Fish Club through Mr. James Miller has told me they will not apply for a license in the said pond or other waters they have in the Township.

In consequence of which I recommend that the license be now issued to Mr. Richard Gilbert, for the current year.

I am, and with due respect

I have

Yours

J. O.

Non: eliminate

Y. Y. Y.

Mr. [unclear]

May 1885

I have the honor to report that many various complications are now likely to arise on B. beach, in consequence of all other fishing being stopped in B. bay, after this year's licenses thereon terminate. . . .

For instance Mr. H. F. Birchy, the owner of the Ocean House there, near the canal, last year without my knowledge, applied to you for permission to build bathing boxes, boat houses, and other buildings on the fishery Reserve of one chain on the bay side of the beach, -- which the Minister not acceding to, Mr. Birchy it appears has gone recently to the Hon. Mr. Pender, Commissioner of Crown Lands Toronto, -- and as it appears, has got a patent for a portion of the chain reserve there, and marked on the map of the beach, got up by the alleged and professed of "Hawthorn" -- simply I suppose because the Hon. the Minister declined Mr. Birchy's proposition to put up bathing boxes, &c. &c. during last year. . . .

All great many summer residences are now being built on the bay side of the beach, the owners and occupants of which are most desirous of occupying the fishery reserve between their respective lots, on the water edge of the bay. Some of these people paid a small license fee, for this privilege last year. . . .

To prevent any unpleasantness that might arise I wish very much to have a consultation personally thereon, with the Commissioner at Ottawa. . . .

I send you herewith attached articles I have cut from the daily papers of the city about the recent action of Mr. H. F. Birchy, who must be restrained from meddling with the fishery reserve as heretofore incensed by him, without permission from the Department. . . .

This being now necessary, being that the licensing of station for other fishing in B. bay on B. beach, &c. is no longer to be allowed by the Department. . . . and with due respect

I remain Yr.

Hon. Mr. [unclear]

John H. Kerr,
N.O.

P.S. -- please write Hon. Mr. Pender at once and stop all such patents being issued, -- as I understand they are being applied for, I mean so far as the Bay Fish Reserve of 1 chain, or down on map of beach, in your Prof. . . .
Yr. J. H. Kerr
N.O.

Sir,

30. May 1878. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14th inst. in which you say, as regards the American fishermen still seine hauling in the Niagara River, thus:-

"I am to enquire whether you are personally aware whether such statement is correct?" -

I am personally aware so far as seeing the seines of American fishermen on their keels on the bank of the Niagara River at Black Rock, &c. am to being told by Nelson Forsythe Esq. J. P. Fort Erie, Custom House officers and several other respectable and reliable people residents in Fort Erie; who are my authority, and who approve of my telling you that the American fishermen have been told by Mr. Cook, a prominent Lawyer in Buffalo, to fish on in United States waters, which is interpreted: "The Niagara River, between the old Fort, Fort Erie, and the Niagara Falls?" - *.

But not to fish in the inland waters or creeks of the State of New York. - And that they, the American fishermen could not be stopped; while Canadian fishermen strictly obeyed your orders up to the letter. -

Mr. Cooke has advised the American fishermen, that the law to stop them fishing in the Niagara River must be Enacted by Congress at Washington - with these suggestions. -

I Have &c

Hon: Minister,

John W. Kerr

J.O.

p.s. -

* Please read my letter to you, on this subject, dated 23rd June 1877. *

John W. Kerr J.O.

Dec. 28, 1892.

at Port Colborne Kidgway. But here, Victoria, Vancouver,
Nanaimo, Quamichan, and Shiga, looked on these persons and at
their places - isolation of place for business to fish deers in Lake
Erie. - I saw nothing that is going on the private shore. But
Shiga Shippard - fishing at Quamichan, he had caught one bass,
he had seen in the water with Billy Matthews a fish
fishing from Shiga, the previous Saturday, when passing
by his residence - and Jos: Fisher of Quamichan had also seen
them. Matthews told them to get them from the Shands,
meaning John and Nancy Shand - who were fishing in
Quamichan waters at Shiga. - Went out at 8. A. M.
came in at 2.30. A. M. while at - My fare \$3.75 &
deers 45¢. Sea 25¢ Horse and baggage \$2. from Port
Colborne to Kidgway -

Stones and Buggy from S. Bridge to Gunston 1.25.
and from Gunston to H. again - 1.25, - and 25¢. H. Sheppard
paid me \$4. on acct of license.

Wednesday 29. May 1878.

At Elbinga, we instituted with Robert Allan, Charles
Bolton, Alfred Ball, Jos. Alwaters, John Stand. &c. for
catching small white fish in their three rich pickered and
Herring gill nets set in American Waters, fish being
landed and sold in Canada. — gave Charles Bolton 7/2, for
12, white fish. — 34th Oct at St. J. B. 10th A. M. to dinner at
W. F. White's. Conversation of Fisher's Ottawa, that the Amer-
icans were fishing for and catching bass in American waters,
and asking some privilege for Canadians. — breakfast 2^d
dinner 45¢ Stage 50¢ other accidentals 75¢ Miles 22. —

Gentlemen,

8. June 1898.

Yours of the 6th instant, just received, ap-
prising me in the case of Abner apt. Emory Kennedy Esq. J. P.
of Att. being soon tried at Worcester and requiring to be
where a Telegram will find me in case I am needed by you
as a witness. - Monday next I intend going to Worcester.
Home here on Tuesday.

If you will be pleased to telegraph early in the day, before the day the Court is fixed to come off at Birmingham, I will endeavor to be there in attendance when the Court opens. - Respectfully,

Steffs, C. A. & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

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Sir,

30 May 1878. —

I have to report, that I understand, and on yesterday from two persons who at Kingston that Mr. J. B. Plumb M. P., for that place, had written Mr. W. F. Whitaker Commissioner of Fisheries - Ottawa; "That leave may be given to the American fishermen and sportsmen to catch bass by angling in American waters of Niagara River, - and the American boat and land them in Canada." which I hope will soon be permitted by you; It was reported in the press, Mr. Plumb, M. P., made ungrounded statements in the House of Commons, last Session of Parliament - He said that American fishermen trespassed and caught fish in Canadian waters at Niagara. —

He was asked at the time by the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to supply the facts, I hope for my sake you will be pleased to repeat the application, Officially. —

In connection with this matter, I have also to report that Mr. Chester A. Starrie, reported to me on 28th instant, when at Fort Erie, that the Tonawanda Club, of Buffalo, went up Lake Erie to Point Abino Bay, and in Canadian waters, caught 27 Bass on the 12th of May, close season for bass. —

Now Mr. Starrie, who is one of the Canadian fishermen, deprived of seine fishing in the Niagara River, proposed that I should report this matter to you. — This Club keep three pleasure bays, which they only employ in fishing swimming, and in the face of a Proclamation, dated 15, June 1868, as Foreigners, have no legal right to keep bays. — I catch fish at any time in the Canadian waters of Lake Erie without the sanction of the Fisheries Department, Ottawa; which so far as I know has not yet been promulgated by you. —

I beg to suggest that I be authorized to employ a Bay, with sufficient force to capture these three bays and boats. —

I send you a copy of the Proclamation herewith. — Respectfully Submitted,

I Have &c

Hon. Minister

John W. Lest

O. O.

Proclamation follows! —

Mr. J. B. Plumb M. P., has cancelled this notice, please let me have it.
The Commissioner
John W. Lest
O. O.

Let

30 May 1878.

I have the honor to receive your letter dated 13 May instant, accompanied with copy of a letter you sent to Mr. Hulmer and Hardison Ridgeway.

Before obeying your order, I wish to tell you, that I paid \$4.25 of carriage and freight to bring this boat from Ridgeway to Niagara Falls.

I think this amount should be paid by Mr. Hulmer and Hardison, and therefore beg to apprise you on the subject.

Yours, ultimately

I have to
Robert Kerr
D.O.

P.S. - I don't think the department should be called on to pay the \$4.25. Hulmer having advised himself, being advised me to place the boat in security.

J. W. Kerr
D.O.

Let

30 May 1878.

I have the honor to report that I procured to and had Epiphany Communion at the Court of the Peace for the County of Wentworth, fined one dollar and two dollars and sent to you both costs, for appearing with Dunder March on 4th instant. - -

In fact the Mrs. James Cahill of Hamilton, was presiding Magistrate. -

Yours, ultimately

I have to
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Friday 3 May 1878. - -

On the beach early in the day. - - and home again. Saw Parker and all the Gibsons. - Back again and was present when Jack Lauffe Parker. I saw Parker's horse back in. - Fish small. He let off a large quantity, went out at 9 A.M. came in at 3 P.M. while about 20. 1878. 2.00. - -
Kerr with me - -

Sir:

1st June 1878.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 144, for the sum of three dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season as follows:

1. Mr. Henry Sheppard, Queenstown, for Seine haul-
ing license in the Niagara River there, License al-
ready received; sent on a/c. \$4.00
2. Messrs Charles and Alfred Bell, for Seine
License in Lake Ontario, at Niagara; License
already received and delivered. - - 5.00

Total sent, \$9.00

Yours truly,

I have to

subscribe

My dear Sirs:-

6. June 1878.-

With reference to my letter to you of the 25th of May, regarding my returning your Boat, - I have now to inform you that the Minister further states to me in a letter dated 31st day of May last; Thus! - "I am to state that Messrs. Fullmer, and Stoddison, must pay all costs, and expenses connected with the seizure of their Boat."

I may add in connection with the above that there is still due for Carriage and storage of your boat, a sum of \$4.00, upon receipt of which I will send your boat to any place you may instruct me.

Yours truly,

Yours truly,

Messrs. John H. Fullmer,

John H. Kerr

and Alfred Stoddison,

D.O.

Kingston - Ont.

Wednesday, 4, June 1878.

On N. beach saw Mr. Henry Sheppard, made him put back a quantity of small white fish caught or hauled in, in his regular legal Seine. J. H. Corey - also hauled - reasoned and spoke to them. Had them drag John Taylor and David Bell about catching these small white fish - went out at 5.15 p.m. came in at 12 - midnight - returned with me, 84 Buggy 1.50. - - Miles 24. J. H. Corey paid me \$5.00 on a/c.

I am just in receipt of your letter of 31st May, in which you are pleased to refer to the printed Notice I received from the department in 1868, and Office Copy, I made the Copy I sent you.

Thus! With reference to your letter of the 30th inst. enclosing copy of a public Notice issued under your Name in 1868, warning foreigners against fishing in Canadian Waters, I am to caution you to be very careful in future in so using the Ministers name and authority and not repeat it.

From the tenor of this quotation, you lead me to believe, that you think I originated this public Notice myself; when the facts are you sent me a package of them, with instructions to sign my Name thereto, and post them up, which I did, more particularly at Fort Erie.

It was with the intention of reminding you of the Foreign Element of fishing now being carried on in Canadian waters in the neighbourhood of Buffalo, even on the Sabbath, by people in these pleasure boats, as I heard, that I took the liberty of sending you the Copy I did, so that you may be might of enforcing, or so think it expedient to withdraw or alter this embargo on Foreigners.

This public Notice emanated from the department, of course.

I have not in this instance you refer to, used, and do not mean to use the Ministers name in the manner you have accidentally I presume attributed to me.

I have &c.

Hon: Minister.

H. H. H.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

P.S. — I send you a Copy of Notice I receive as alluded to above.

J. W. Kerr
D.O.

On the 15. July 1868, — I gave Chester A. Harris & his two Copies of this proclamation.

J. W. Kerr
D.O.

Mr. W. H. Knight

12 June 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft, No. 205, for the sum of Ten dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:

Mr. William Woolward - Boat License, for to fish 12 nets, of 600 yards each, in the waters of Lake Huron, between Leaside, and Port Union, for the remainder of this current season, the said Salmon Trout, and White fish gill nets, being of the standard legal size.

Mr. Woolward, lives in Leaside -

\$ 10.00

And with due respect

Yours truly

I have

Schmidt

W. H. Knight

12 June

300
250

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th instant received.

The fishing law is the same all over

If you want to fish - I. Ontario at Port Union, you can have a license for \$10, dollars for the unexpired balance of this year. - Just the same as 10 dollars of Leaside paid me for a license.

Come on, and bring your rig with you, and land your money in the mean time.

Yours truly,
W. H. Knight,
Fisherman
Leaside, Ontario

Schmidt

12 June 1878

Monday, 10 June 1878.

At Toronto, and the Island, I found Messrs Ward and Gray had been catching small white fish on the Island. I warned them that if they repeated it, I would put the law in force.

I also warned the fish dealers if they bought these small white fish I would fine them also. Went out at 8 a.m. came in at 9 p.m. Miles 45. My fare \$1. Boat 50¢, dinner tea and beer \$1.00.

Tuesday 11 June 1892. -

On the Island, the Port and Seaside have been long - and Mr. Woodward, the latter paid me 10 for license fee, for remainder of the year to fish at Seaside between these, and Port Union - he has 4 other of local boats - Thence to the Police Court - charged Charles Pinkney with shooting plover on Sunday 25th of May - he pleaded guilty and was fined 10 and costs. -

Thence home, - gave Thomas Simpson one dollar for rowing me down to Seaside and back. My young 24 breakfast and dinner 50¢ - - - 52. - - - 10. -

Thence to B. beach, to answer telegram from Col. H. V. Villiers - and to speak to Mr. John Hood, for erecting bathing houses in B. bay - See my report saw J. H. Corey, and Dan; Mr. Wynnes crew hauling in at 12, till 10 light, till 10. Mr. B. G. F. -

12 June 1892.

12 June 1892.

With reference to your letter of 21st May, replying to my report dated 20, May last, in Mr. H. V. Villiers case, which you conclude thus: "What object is there in burdening ourselves with its care and disposal?" -

In reply to this, I might, I suppose say; why let it slide; was it not that I have always heretofore, and still hold a warm interest in the fisheries of B. beach so different at all times from conflicting interests and as I have seen them to manage. -

Mr. H. V. Villiers, when he purchased the Ocean House, holding on B. beach, for 2000 shipped in to his share as a fisherman - he built the Ocean House there the site of which he pays 200, per year. -

Mrs. Perry, the benefactor of the late James Waddell, fisherman - "Coastal Reserve" - pays a like sum of 200 - a year, to the Dominion Government Board of Works for the pier - she also enjoys this. - While the pier building and all net fishing in B. bay being now cancelled the fishery reserve of the chain on the Bay side of B. beach, drops as it were into oblivion, and in future every one can possess it even although heretofore fishing there may be again resumed, and become a grand surprise in the land. -

Allow me to tell you Sir - That no sooner was it noised abroad - that you had stopped all net fishing in B. bay, than the Hood, Boro, proprietors of the Ocean House thereon, constructed a tier of piers from on the very edge of the waters of the bay thus if allowed to remain polluting the waters and the wholesome air of that community. -

Upon my remonstrance these were pulled down again and removed. . . .

I report, at this present time, Hood (Brother) have commenced to build three small Bathing boxes, on a platform in the waters of B. bay, 37 ft out in the water. . . . Mr. H. G. Birseley, telling them he had a license of the same; and Mr. Geo. Hood, told me last evening they intend putting up another bathing box in the water on the fishing ground there. . . . At the last year when Birseley applied to you for permission to do these things, you were pleased to tell him, he could not do so. . . .

Now what I do think about this matter, is this, That as it has become expedient for the time being to stop all net fishing in B. bay, I hope it will not be out of place on my part to recommend that these bathing boxes, be permitted, and the usual Annual license fee should be paid for the privilege. . . . Because fishing being stopped in the bay, Birseley declines to pay license fee this year. . . . He also declines to pay license fee, for C. Ontario's fishing grounds any more. . . .

I hope you will excuse me, but I cannot regain your stating. . . . That the Fisheries department should not be any more liberal, about the fishery reserve, see Map of B. beach in your possession, than the Board of Works department, of the Dominion. . . .

The Board of Works department not requiring the Canal Reserve there, for Canal and navigation purposes, have rented it under lease; and the Fisheries department not now requiring the Reserve on B. bay side of the beach to haul seines upon, land boats, or erect reels, should I think utilizing it in another laudable and profitable manner, especially as this opportunity presents itself. . . . and thus it is, that I think there is an object in burdening ourselves with its care, and disposal? . . . Or you might order the removal of everything altogether establishing the fact, that you have still control over the premises, the Chain Reserve from the water side. . . .

Mr. Proctor is very willing to pay a license fee, for the privilege of having a Boat House for the accommodation of the guests of the Ocean House to go fishing and angling; and he paid off 5, for this privilege last year. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hoy who have suburban residences on the bay side of the beach paid off 10, last year for the privilege of occupying the fishery Reserve in front of their

deuces, and why not the Ocean House proprietors pay for their stables and bathing houses, especially with the good example of the Board of Works as an evidence in these premises. . . .

And more especially when it is an every day occurrence that fishermen there are selling out, removing and with the means acquired for the holdings they disposed of. . . .

I had a conversation with Mr. A. G. Wood, M. P., for Man-
alton, on yesterday, and he would like the Stood Bros³
were allowed to put up these bathing houses for public
convenience and for decency as well. . . .

However to satisfy the department on the subject, I have
strongly recommended that Mr. Whitche, the Commissioner should
come up examine and see the place himself and what
is going on there. . . . He visited B. beach with me
several years ago before, and another visit of inspe-
tion will repay the department. . . .

I trust everything I have herein stated will be received
by you in the interest, profits and future protection
of the fisheries, and fisheries reserves on B. bay B. B. B.
for which alone it is intended. . . .

And with due respect,

Yours sincerely,

I Have &c.

John W. W. W.

Attorney,

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Friday 14. June 1878. -

On B. beach, - found that all seine hauling fishermen
Jack Laafe amongst the rest, that is to say: Lafe,
Mark, Croy - David Ditch, Jack Laafe, Ben: Golds. Ben:
McGwynne, and J. B. Croy, - Warned them every one on
the subject of catching small white fish - went out
at 5.30. p.m., came in at 1. a.m. filled 26. 144 B. 1.50.
Ed: Kerr, with me. -

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst. and I have no further explanation to make, than what my last letter to you contains. . . .

When you comply with a ~~sum~~ ^{pay} of \$4.00 the ~~sum~~ claimed and sanctioned by the Fisheries Department, you shall have an order from me to the person who has the boat for you in his safe keeping. . . .

I believe the boat will be found in the same condition you saw it in when seized. . . .

cc. Messrs Gulliver and
Hardison -

Y^{rs} truly,
John W. L. S. J. A.
Hamilton Onto

Ridgeway - Post Office. 3. June 1878. -

Saturday, 15. June 1878. -

At Toronto, Port Union, Leslieville - Prescherway bay. - and back to Port Union, and on to Leslieville, went to Prescherway bay, on receiving information that Joe Black, deceased fisherman was fishing an illegal seine, and catching small white fish. On arriving at Port Union learned that Dave Thompson was fishing a seine (he had no license) heard from S. Wright, that on the previous Saturday night, both seines fished all night, and up to, and past day light on Sunday morning. - and that the seines were illegal for catching white fish. - That they had hauled before I got there on this evening. - on Friday night Black hauled in two halibut but did not liberate them as bound to do by the license. . . .

In consequence I seized everything seine 12, 1 of as - examined the seines - Centre (your) seine all the rest of the week 2nd extension measure -

Having boated the seine, and as per proceeded back to Port Union. after a rest of an hour on to Leslieville in J. A. Black's boat. Peter Josline and Law. Marsh doing the rowing. Peter son in law went down with me to Port Union and back to Port Union - went out at 8. A. M. Saturday. Came in at 6. A. M. on Sunday. - Mile 102.

My fare 1.80. dinner and tea, for two 80¢. Breakfast for three 75¢. dinner and tea and bed for self on Sunday 75¢ - Peter Josline \$3. Law Marsh \$3 - and John Davis - Peter son in law \$1.50¢. The Boat \$2.

Sir,

14. June 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday night last, at Frenchman's bay, township of Pickering; I seized two fishing seines, and five coils of rope lines, the usual quantity used for seine hauling. --

The seines are the property of Joseph Black fisherman, of the Range Hill - who holds a license; and the other seine belongs to David Thompson of Scarboro, who has no license. --

On Friday night last Black's seine caught two lake trout but he did not liberate them, as he is bound by his license to do. - His seine is illegal for catching white fish; Thompson has no license at all; - and both fished, and caught young white fish, with an illegal seine in contravention of the Fisheries Act; and for doing which, I will prosecute them and their confederates. --

Those people on guiding out, that I was in the neighborhood last Saturday night, immediately cleared out, leaving seines and ropes behind, which I seized, and took up the boat to Toronto - after this I will report further particulars.

I Have &c

Hon. Ministers
Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr J. O.

Sunday 16. June 1878. -

at Leslieville, dried the seines and ropes - thence to Mr. P. Prays at the Island, where the seines and ropes were given in charge, placed in the Boulton's Alley - went out at 2 p.m. same in 6 p.m. Mails 18 - Boat off 2. - See Marsh with me - tea and bed.

Saw seven boats out fishing in Ash-bedges bay - but could not get them to land.

Monday, 17. June 1878.

Mr. Toronto Island, - placed the Series and ropes in safe keeping there, thence home, - went out at 8. a.m., came in at 2.30. p.m., Miles 46. Boat 25, breakfast 30 cts. Railway fare \$1.00. -

18. June 1878.

Mrs Emma Carter paid me \$10. for year 1877, on fishing station No: 8, in L.O. on B. Beach. - -

19. June 1878.

19. June 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft, No: 252, for the sum of ten dollars, to pay because fee on fishing station No: 8, in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, for year ending 31st day of December last. - - -

This station was licensed by Mr. Podkin for a great many years, and until recently, when he departed this life and was buried. - - His wife also died a short time before him. - -

I may here state that from failing health, and bad success in fishing, he has been unable to pay his license fee for years 1876, and 1877. - still I permitted him to fish on, feeling as I did that the department would sanction what I had done, in a case of humanity, such as his was, with a blind wife. - - -

Mrs Emma Carter of Hamilton, daughter to the late Mrs Podkin, and step daughter to the late Mr Podkin, now applies for the license of the ground; I have therefore much pleasure in recommending that you will be pleased to grant her the license of the same. - -

The amount now sent is for last year. - While the amount for the year 1876, - I recommend may be cancelled. - - -

Mrs Carter will pay the license fee, for this year, which I recommend may be placed at five dollars, as no fishing has been done thereon, this year, up to the present time. - - -

I was talking to Podkin two days before he died, and with due respect,

I have

John W. H. C.O.

EUROPE.

France paid Sweden \$60,000 for the Island of St. Bartholomew.

A Times editorial about the Fishery Award says the English Government have no course open to them except to take money without enquiry and without qualms of conscience. England is aware of no circumstance which affects the integrity of the tribunal. Had she been, she would not have waited for the Award to have repudiated its authority.

THE HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD.

The London "Times" on the American Appeal to England.

LONDON, June 22. - A Times editorial on the Fishery Award says: - The English Government have no course open to them except to take the money without enquiry and without qualms of conscience. England is aware of no circumstance which affects the integrity of the tribunal. Had she been she would not have waited for the award to repudiate its authority.

My dear Sir,

Will you be please to have the
five dollar bill, Bank of Commerce, No: 139,154, and
dated May 1st 1867, herewith, to the Under-
see Constable, Mr John Kohl, Port Erie, in
payment for team engaged by Mr D. K.
Wynne, to go up to Point Abino, and with
kind regards to you and yours -

Yours faithfully,
M. C. Christian Esq
Notary Public
Port Erie

John W. Kerr
D.O.

25 June 1878. -

Saturday 22. June 1878. -

On N. beach saw all the fishermen they must
not fish on Saturday nights, nor before 6 o'clock a.m.,
on the following Monday morning - stopped J. H. Core
who was just taking his seine off the Neel; -
S. P. Bluffs was present, went out at 4 p.m. and
in at 12, following day, - miles 24, 84, 60, 1.50.

Sunday 23rd June 1878.

Went to the Coast, the license for station No: 8
in S. Ontario on 10, miles, - then J. H. Wynne paid
his license for Lake #10. - It is supposed
J. H. Core, fished on Saturday or Sunday nights
22. and 23rd of June, notwithstanding my reason-
at home. - went out at 5.30, p.m. came in at 11.30.
p.m. - miles 24, - 84, 4 60, - 1.50.

Monday 24. June 1878. -

Went to Port Abino and Frenchman's bay, and
the range of hills back to Buffalo Creek - saw John Brown,
James Taylor - Moon. Yankee Pete, Sol. Wright,
Miss. H. H. H. - Old Mr. Stoner, got all the information
I required, against Joe Black and 9 others for fishing
for catching, killing and selling small white fish in
contravention of the Fishers Act, saw Jas. Linton, the
Constable, who went out with me, and served James
Taylor with summons - went out at 8 a.m. came
in at 8 p.m. - miles 84, 84, 1.75, Breakfast, dinner
tea and bed 1.25, - 84, 84, 1.75.

July 15 1895.

Joseph M. ...
... were charged by me, for fishing for cat fish ... white fish and salmon with illegal seine ... several occasions in contravention of the Fish Law ...

Joseph Black, White Thompson and Wilson Holburne, were fined \$2. each, and costs, or ten days in jail, and they were allowed 20 days within which time to pay the same. To wit: Joe Black, 2 yrs. and \$2.05 of costs or 10 days in jail - Wilson Holburne \$2 - and \$1.95 of costs, - or - - - - - 8 ¹/₂ Thompson \$2, and \$1.85 of costs, - or ten days in jail, and the same (2.) their property, and ropes for hauling - were forfeited, and John Van Stoen - was fined \$1. and \$1.85 of costs for hauling the fish - 2 salmon, he sold for \$1.10 of each, and the white fish for 60¢ per dozen - down as low as 25¢ per dozen, and several dozen, even below 25¢ say for 15¢ per dozen - James Philcox Jr. was fined \$1. and \$1.85 of costs, or 8 days in jail - James Philcox Jr. \$1. and \$1.95 of costs, or 8 days in jail, James Taylor. \$1. and \$2.05 of costs, or 8 days in jail, - James Reeler - fined \$1. and \$2.25 of costs, or 8 days in jail, and Samuel Palmer - fined \$1. and \$1.85 of or 8 days in jail - These little craft Van Stoen, were the hands who picked for Black they -

Robert Black, will be also ~~successor~~ ^{partner} - as he is
part owner of One Series - and wished same as the other
Jas Bunting, will send half the fines to the ~~Reverend~~ ^{Reverend} ~~General~~ ^{General}
and keep the other half for me. -

all the cases were well and satisfactorily presented, acknowledged by all - I had not to produce a single witness, outside of the crews who gashed - The cases lasted from 10. a. m. until 6. p. m. - charge for attending Court \$1.50¢ - breakfast dinner tea - Total \$1.00¢

Wednesday, 26, June 1878. —

At Toronto Police Court, Patrick Gray, George Jureaux, Mrs Doyle, and C. H. Gray. - were fined \$2, each or 10 days in Jail - for having young white fish in their possession - Thence on to Port Credit, to warn Thomas Reid about Catching small white fish - went out at 2.50 and came in at 4 p.m. Miles 70. My fare \$2, 4400. 41. breakfast and dinner 50c.

1st July 1878.

I have the honor to report that on Wednesday last, the 26th of June, I was obliged to summons, Messrs Patrick and George Eerieau, of the Toronto Island Fisheries; they were fined two dollars each, for catching the young of white fish; and Mrs Mary Doyle and T. St. Bray - fish dealers of the City of Toronto, were also fined two dollars each for buying and selling the same on the 19th day of June last, which they paid. - - -

You will thus please see how necessary it is, that seine hauling of all kind should be stopped altogether, during the month of June, seeing that young white fish are so very numerous. -

Gill Nets of the legal size, should be at once ordered to take the place of the seines. -

Hon. Minister,

C. Hase & Co

E. H. W. Kent

E. O.

To The Hon^{ble}

The Minister of Marine,
and Fisheries, - Ottawa, -
Honorable Sir.

We the undersigned two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the County of Ontario, have had this day laid before us a charge against Wilson Holborn, Joseph Black, and David Thomson, for fishing and catching white fish and salmon in Lake Ontario, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. - -

Having acknowledged themselves guilty, we have fined them two dollars each, and Costs, and also Confiscated their nets. - -

Although we could do nothing else according to law, yet it is our opinion that it would be well to allow them nets back again as we believe they have transgressed the law through ignorance of it, and are men of very poor circumstances, and cannot well afford to lose their nets, having no other means of support.

Dated at Windsor, (Breson & Co. Printers) J. P.,
the 25th day of July 1878. John Parker, J. P.,

1st July 1895.

In continuation of my report to you, dated the 17th of June, I have now the honor to inform you of the following.

The seine I refer to in the occasion referred to, had four of them, about four yards of a wide fish line, just four inch mesh, while the balance of the line, was all much below the regulation sized mesh for white fish lines, being 2 1/2 and 3 inch mesh, with great extension measure. - See both sections 5, of section 7, of the Fish Act.

The other seine a few rods was also of a large white fish line in it, while the balance of the line is smaller mesh, and is composed of line that immeasurably grows smaller, as it lies in large mesh than when first meshed; and except the centre of this line is altogether illegal for catching white fish (the small line of 2 1/2 inch) or salmon; see both sections 5, of section 7, and both sections 4, and 5, of section 7 of the Fish Act.

Mr. Joseph Black, referred to in a copy of the Fish Act, for the purpose, but during the trial, just as they were attempting to make the law only to his own advantage; while the evidence of two witnesses who hauled, proved, that the legal centre of these seines were always pulled to one side; and so illegally made the haul in the small illegal meshes of the seines, thereby catching the young of white fish, some of which were sold as low as 15¢ per dozen. - - -

Then as regards the two salmon caught, on the 14th of morning of the 15th of June, they were male salmon, and weighed 10 1/2 pounds each, and were sold for \$1.10¢ each.

In the license issued to Joseph Black - there is a clause inserted by you, that "In order to protect the young white fish, no fishing seine shall be fished or hauled on this ground?" -

Now whilst this law is being observed by Mr. Thomas Mansfield, on the next adjacent seine hauling ground Mr. Joseph Black, David Thomas, Robert Black, and William Holburne, unlawfully appear to have broken the law. Black when questioned with by his own hands, his crew, when the law was read out to him, then took in reply, it is all right, I have the law, and it says, salmon can be caught, between the 1st of May, and 3rd of July, and section 7 of the Fish Act, also that salmon can be caught any where during this period, except as otherwise - both section 5, of section 7, of the Fish Act, there ignoring the size of the meshes of seines for catching white fish or salmon altogether, displaying at the same time - the rough and perfect knowledge of the law where it is preserved it was to his Black, advantage.

There was a distinct understanding between Black and me, that if any salmon were hauled in, they were to be instantly liberated, and the young white fish, were to be liberated also. - But in no instance was this

to fulfilled on the part of Mr. Joseph Black, to Black, David Thomson, and Willis Stolburne, and the others, in connection with the same. I have already referred to, in former report. ---

At the Court, Mr. Bunting, J.P. of Driffton Creek, South Ontario, upon my complaint, issued process against Joseph Black, Robert Black, David Thomson, Wilson Stolburne, John Van Bore, James Philcox Sr., James Philcox Jr., James Taylor, James Keeler, and Seneca Palmer, of Pickering, &c.

The fishing, for, catching, killing, buying, and selling and having in their possession the young of white fish and two salmon caught with illegal seines, in S. Ontario, at Frenchmans bay, on the 14th of June, and other days with illegal seines in contravention of the Fisheries Act."

These summonses were made returnable at 10 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday last 25th June; Mr. Joseph Black, on arriving at Driffton Creek applied to Mr. Bunting for a letter for John Parker Esq. J.P. of Dunbarton, requesting his presence also to try the above cases. --- This was complied with, and Mr. Parker who was absent in the City of Toronto, appeared about 1 o'clock, p.m.

All cases lasted all day, and almost in all the cases the defendants pleaded guilty; and were all fined as follows: ---

- 1st Joseph Black, fined \$2, and \$2.05 Costs. ---
2. David Thompson, " " 2, and " 1.85, Costs. ---
3. Wilson Stolburne, " " 2, and " 1.95, Costs. --- or ten days in Jail, and the seines and ropes were confiscated. --- They got twenty days within which time to pay the same. ---
4. John Van Bore, fined \$1, and \$1.85 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
5. James Philcox Sr. fined \$1, and \$1.85 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
6. John Philcox Jr. fined \$1, and \$1.95 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
7. James Taylor, fined \$1, and \$2.05 Costs, or 8 days in Jail. ---
8. James Keeler, fined \$1, and \$2.25 Costs or 8 days in Jail. ---
9. Seneca Palmer, fined \$1, and \$1.85 Costs, or 8 days in Jail. ---
10. Robert Black was not summoned. ---

After the conclusion of these trials Mr. Joseph Black got down on the stool of repentance

finding that he was misled into and blamed by all the persons named herein whom he had led on by his interpretation of the law to a fine and costs.

A severe example is necessary to be made in this case so far as Black, Thomson and Holbome, the owners of the seines, are concerned.

The worthy Magistrates who have the cases coming before them with their eyes to see that the law is not broken and the destruction of the seine, unless they are so different from many other seines, may be a good one for the fish in its destruction, and will be a great one while the entire balance of both seines was double mesh of 2 1/2" and 3" mesh at main mesh, an illegal seine to be fished in any case, and made doubly so, by deceitful practices in hauling that was always carried on.

Although I would like to join in, with the B. M. J. P. who for the last twelve, nearly 14 years, has a great great bias, stood by me, the good friend of the fisheries on all occasions, I cannot do so now as it would be too glaring for me to do it in this instance.

I however submit the petition of the Magistrates for your consideration; If the Hon. the Minister should order the seines to be restored so that not suffer at all for any.

The seines however cannot be fished any more. And in fact, I have found out so much by these trials of the catching and distribution of small young white fish that I am compelled to recommend that seining for white fish during the month of June, be discontinued for all time to come.

There is no use in stocking Lake Ontario, with white fish fry, and with salmon fry, and have them all caught up in June, with illegal seines. -- Small white fish have been more numerous last summer and this, during the month of June, than I have ever seen them before, it has therefore become imperative upon me to lay the matter before you in truth and sincerity, hoping that you will at once be pleased to adopt a remedy for their protection, by stopping all seining during the month of June in future.

I don't have much to tell you about the privations I encounter, and those visiting with me in boats of this kind. I may have said however, that after I ran the seine, in section 18, of the Act, I started with the seines in ropes and two men in a small boat distant 20 miles, to Leslieville, encountered two thunder storms, got wet all through and only reached there at 6 a.m., next morning, completely fished out and worn out.

The expenses for running the seine, the hire of the distance of being run, is \$10, dollars.

As I found it necessary to make for their safe keeping
 protection. In both respects,
 I Have &c.

The Minister

H. H. H.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

2nd July 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith a bill
 amounting to the sum of the quarter ending the 30th day of
 June 1878, which amounts to -

1. Office Rent,	5.00.
2. - - - - -	2.15.
3. - Stationery, &c.	1.30.
4. - Telegraphs. -	3.31.
5. - Postages. -	1.93.
6. Boatman, C. J. Kerr,	5.00

Total \$145.04.

You will please find by my diary, that I have
 travelled during the quarter just ended 2,033 miles on
 active duties which was actually necessary for the
 due and efficient performance of the same. - -

The expenditure per mile is only 7¢, and with
 due respect,

The Hon^{ble}

The Minister of
 Marine & Fisheries

W. H. Kerr

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Immediate.

4. July 1876.

Sir, I have the honor to report that Mr. John Davis, fish dealer, Hamilton, had speckled trout in his possession in the market here today, for sale and did sell some of them, that had evidently been caught with a small gill net, see section 8. of the Fisheries Act. --- Some of them were upwards of 1 pound. ---

I had the balance of the box of speckled trout seized, and Mr. Davis, before James Cahill Esq^r, J.P., who ^{was} examined he said he received the small box last evening by express, on the Gt^h West Railway, perhaps from the Anderson Port of Collingwood. --- Mr. Davis and I hunted up and found the address, which I now send you. ---

Mr. Davis was allowed by Magistrate to take the speckled trout, I had seized, back, sell them, and account for the proceeds. ---

And in the mean time the case being adjourned I was to make necessary enquiries, and report to you, and ask for further instruction. --- The Magistrate thinks section 11, of the Fisheries Act coupled with section 8, is not hardly strong enough to fine John Davis, for having the fish in his possession, I, of course differ from him on this point. The law is clear enough. ---

I send you the card of address, by which you will at once learn from whom this box of 20. pounds of speckled trout were shipped. --- And I hope you will have this illegal fishing stopped, and Order Anderson Port, and the Canada Fish Fish Company of Collingwood, to be presented, and fined, and their gill nets seized and confiscated.

I Have &c.

Hon^{ble} Minister

John W. D. W.

B. O.

10. July 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank Draft No. 334, for the sum of ten ty five dollars...

Will you be pleased to apply this amount to the current year, - as follows:-

1. Montague Cory, "For seine hauling ground license in Lake Ontario, on B beach, already received and delivered." \$10.00
 2. David Fitch, "For seine hauling ground license received, and delivered \$10 - now sent on account." 5.00
 3. Mrs Emma Carter, "For seine hauling license on B beach in L. Ontario, in July." 5.00
 4. S. H. Cory, "For seine hauling license on B beach, in L. Ontario, on Sept." 5.00
- Total \$25.00

and with due respect

Yours truly

John W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

14. June 1878.

My dear Young Friend,

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th instant, asking me to loan my boat to you during your home vacation...

In reply, I have to assure you, that it affords me much pleasure to be in a position to comply with your request.

You may therefore on receipt of this scroll of mine, take entire possession of the boat, oars and paddle for your own immediate use and that of your brother. - and I hereby also permit you and your brother to fish with Rod and line, pole and angle in the waters of Sullivan Lake during this present year up to the 1st of October next, as per Section 15. of the Fisheries Act.

Hoping My dear Young Friend, that boat exercise will in some measure conduce to the mental welfare of your mind in body, believe me with kindest regards to your father, mother, and family. Yrs Sincerely

John W. Kerr

John W. Kerr

I came to the place to you of the same name of Joseph Black, Robert Black, James Philcox Sr., James Philcox Jr., Seneca Palmer, and John Van Storn of Pickering. - James Keeler, James Taylor, and David Thompson, of Scarborough. - For fishing for, catching and killing the young of white fish, and (2.) Salmon in L. Ontario, at Frenchmans Bay, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

Will you be pleased to issue summonses, and appoint the day for hearing some day next week, and I will be in attendance to participate on your appointing one of the day, before hand. -

I came at Frenchmans Bay, on last Saturday night. - I caught two fish and a large quantity of Salmon fries, which I have in safe keeping in the mean time. -

The persons herein alluded to, were at Frenchmans Bay, on last Saturday night, but they cleared out, upon finding that I was in the vicinity. -

As some of those persons reside in the County of York, please read sub section 3. of section 18, of the Fisheries Act. - and with due respect

To: Wm. Black

Wm. Black

Pickering N.Y.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

John Black

17. June 1878.

Friday 19, July 1878.

At Niagara and home again. - I received \$5. from Mr. John Bolton, for boat license - for fishing at Niagara. - went out at 8. A. M. came in at 12. midnight. - the Prince Arthur called in to the Grimsby Camp ground, going and returning. Miles 94. 54 + 35. 1. Steamer 50. dinner 50. tea 25. Street Car. 104.

Monday 22, July 1878 -

At St. Catharines, to see Mr. B. C. Fairfield - got from him five dollars - see my application dated 23rd for a License to fish - went out at 7.30. A. M. came in, at 5.30. P. M. Miles 72. My fare, & 2.00, dinner 45¢

Sir.

13. July 1878.

With reference to my report to you of the 14th instant, relating to Mr. John Davis, Fish dealer, of this city, having speckled Trout in his possession exposed for sale, and selling the same, the said speckled trout, being caught with gill nets in contravention of the Fisheries Act. . . .

It appears now by a letter Mr. Davis, has since received from Andrew Port of Collingwood, fisherman, that these speckled Trout, were caught in private property, which is the excuse why, they should be exempt from the provisions of the Fisheries Act. . .

With this letter of excuse, as I heard, Andrew Port, has again sent Mr. John Davis, more speckled Trout, caught in a similar way, with gill nets. . .

From what I can learn now, and suspected when I made my report to you, on the 14th instant, the private property referred to, is that mentioned in a former application I made to you, dated 1st April 1875, with a petition from the Owner, Mr. W. G. P. Smart, of Collingwood, for to have certain privileges granted to him, regarding the catching of speckled trout, in his pond during the months of March and April, which Mr. Port, now claims is, or should be free from the operations of the Fisheries Act, because caught in private property. . . .

In your answer to my report on Mr. Smart's application, you did not then, grant his petition; as it became unnecessary, the close season for speckled trout, terminating at the time (1875) on 1st January. . .

In your letter of the 9th of June 1875, in reply to mine of 4th of June 1875 - you pointed out clearly to me that it was illegal to catch speckled trout, with gill nets, even in private ponds, and that speckled trout, so caught, were liable to seizure, which is exactly the case similar to the present one in hand. . .

The case of Mr. John Davis, has again been adjourned by Mr. James Cahill, J. P. Police Magistrate here, so that I may be able to hear from the Department, whether any permission, has since 1875, been given to catch speckled trout with gill nets, in Mr. Smart's private pond in Osprey, or in any other private pond about Collingwood, from which as I have heard, Mr. Andrew Port, acknowledges he got the speckled

that I had signed for being illegally caught in the gill
nets in connection of the Fisheries Act, but the law is
the same up there also as it was when you wrote me
per Springfield Mass. on the 9th of June 1875. -

Stopping you with pardon me for being trou-
blesome, and with due respect.

The Hon^{ble}
The Minister
of
Fisheries.

I Have Yrs.
John Wilson
O.O.

illegal fishing.

P.S. Mr. Patton, should stop this
Yrs. respectfully.
John Wilson
O.O.

Ex.

25 July 1876.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank
draft, No. 107, for the sum of Ten Dollars -

Will you be pleased to apply this sum for this
current year as follows;

1, John Wilson, Niagara - For boat license to fish
white fish, and beset gill nets in Lake Ontario, at Niagara
already received and delivered. - \$ 5.00

2, Mr. B. B. Fairfield Secretary of the Ontario
Methodist Camp Ground Company of Grimsby.

"For boat hauling ground in Lake Ontario, in
front of lots Nos 3 and 4 in the front concession
of Grimsby, low slip containing gill net on chain
and to extend into the waters of the Lake from
the water's edge in front of the said lots
for a distance of one mile. - please
send me license

John Wilson

I Have Yrs.
John Wilson
O.O.

Total \$ 10.00

Monday 11th August 1878 -

At Limerick, went on the island, to see what
trouble was up about the wharf - went out at
8. A.M. came in at 5.30. P.M. - tickets 32. -
Railway fare #2 - boat fare 25, dinner 35. -

Tuesday 12. August 1878. -

At Limerick, to see Port. Stand, all regular there,
went out 4.30. A.M. came in at 11.30. A.M. -
tickets 28. 44 & 65 - 1.50. Breakfast 25 &
paddy paid me off 5. Excise fee for
1878. -

Tuesday 13. August 1878. -

At Beameville, to see the maps & balls and
you check on John Hall - fishing at 30 mile
back. - Thence by boat to pier 50 - Rail-
way fare 1.50. Dinner 25, tickets 48 -

20. August 1878.

Wrote Sam W. Cunob, Pat Stand, John Stand
and Jos. Allen -
Postages 25

Thursday 22. Found about 65 young
white geese in P.M. Birds, State - Hamilton - The
go. then - at a time before from Dick Laaffe,

24. 24. 24. 24. - 042 Dick Laaffe be-
fore Jos. Cahill Esq. J. P. - who gave him 1.
and four dollar bill - which he paid -
1. 14. 15. 15. 15. 15.

Sir,

20, August 1878.

I have the honor to report that on the 30th of July last at this place before James Cahill Esq^r J.P., the Police Magistrate to Montreal.

Mr John Davis, Fish Dealer, was fined five dollars and four dollars costs: for having speckled trout in his possession caught with a gill net, in contravention of the Fisheries Act.

In this case as I am the prosecutor, I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to order the fine, five dollars, to remain in abeyance but the costs in the case should be paid by him.

I certainly think Mr Andrew Port, and the other members of the Canada Fish Company of Montreal, who sold these speckled trout to Mr John Davis of Montreal should one and all be fined, also the person who caught the speckled trout with gill nets.

My main object in asking you to punish Mr John Davis is, that he has frequently from time to time given me some important information and has been a witness in many cases, & have been up for contraventions of the Fisheries Act.

In the present case he concealed nothing & pointed out to me that the speckled trout were in the fishery, were caught with a gill net.

I have no

Yours sincerely

J. H. M.

24 Aug⁵ a white fish for Wilnot 40.
a basket, 10.
Collier, 5. 55.

27- a white fish for Wilnot 60
Port 10
Collier 5 75

Let.

22. August 1870.

I have the honor to report that on the 24th instant, I had Michael Taaffe, a fisherman of B. beach, summoned before James Cahill Esq^r, J. P. Police Magistrate here; for catching, killing, and having in his possession about sixty five small young white fish caught in Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, on the 22^d instant, in violation of the Fisheries Act. —

He was fined one dollar and costs, which he paid. —

I may here state that Taaffe, had set out his herring gill nets for Herring, and as the young white fish have never been so numerous as they are this year, he caught the number of small white fish as herein set forth. — (65 young white fish.)

I would strongly recommend, and desire to bring two important matters under your notice and consideration. —

1st. That no Seining be allowed any more during the months of June and July, and that the present per = million law in existence be recalled. —

2nd. That Herring gill nets, shall not be fished during the months of June, July and August in the waters of Ontario; — The gill net fishing during these months, being confined to Salmon Trout, and White fish gill nets Trout, because from the present great numbers of White fish fry, that Salmon are caught, and being caught, but which do not always come under inspection, so as the fry are offending escape detection. —

Splendid specimens of White fish, and Salmon Trout, are being caught at present in Lake Ontario in front of the Townships of Saltfleet, Grimsby and Clarkson, caught in gill nets from 5, to 6 p.m. in the afternoon. —

Please if you have your orders at once, on these subjects, I have herein recommended for your consideration, and immediate adoption. —

With much respect

Wm. D. White
John W. Kerr
P. O.

Sir,

30, August 1876.

I have the honor to report, that on last Sunday morning, about 2 o'clock a.m., a young man named Stewart, was drowned in B. bay, off the Emigrant Wharf of the G. W. Railway, Hamilton.

In endeavouring to recover the body, dynamite was pretty freely used, and successfully in raising the body to the surface of the water.

In exploding this dynamite under water a quantity of fish were killed from its effects, hence my object in addressing you on this occasion.

I have talked the matter over with Mr. James Cahill the Police Magistrate, Hamilton; - and his opinion is that the order in Council dated 20, April 1876, making the following regulation; "The use of explosive material to catch, or kill fish, is forbidden in the Dominion of Canada." - would not apply in this case.

However, as this is the third drowning case that has occurred in B. bay, in which dynamite has been used to recover the bodies, I beg most respectfully to recommend that something ought to be done by the Fisheries Department whereby cases of this nature where dynamite is being used should be regulated only to be exploded under the superintendence of the local fishing officers, because on a former occasion, I was invited to come and get some fish.

With due respect,

W. J. Whitaker

I have the honor to be
Yours faithfully
J. H. W. H. W.

Sir.

31. August 1878,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 594, for the sum of Fifteen dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows, for this current season: -

1. M^{rs} Joseph Masters, and John Keath, of Niagara, for boat license to fish in Lake Ontario at Whigam, and in front of the Township of Clinton - already received and delivered. - - - \$5.00

2. M^{rs} Alfred and Charles Ball. - For ditto ditto ditto, boat license \$5.00

3. M^{rs} John and Patrick Hand For boat License to fish in Lake Ontario, 6,000 yards of Salmon Trout, white fish and Herring gill nets in front of the Townships of Scotland, and Jersey.

Please send me two copies of License. - On a/c \$5.00
Total - \$15.00

Hon^{ble} Members

I have &c

John W. L.
J.O.

See next page. - -

Please see letter me, dated 20th of August 1877. - on these 13, and 14, applications made last year. - - -

With due respect.

John W. L.
J.O.

1878

Mr. Bausat,

Will you be pleased to let me have a copy of my letter dated 7th of August 1877. - in answer to the Departmental letter of 14th of Aug^t 1877. -

32-1878

John W. L.
J.O.

30.

3rd September 1872.

I have to apply to you for Messrs. Jones, for the summer-
time fishing in the lake on the beach, for the fish blowing in the
lake, in Lake Ontario. for this season. . . .

In consequence of the great abundance of young white fish
in Lake Ontario this year I would recommend that a license be in-
serted in each license to the effect, "That in order to protect young
white fish, no fishing or line fishing be permitted during the months
of June, July and August." This license. . . .

1. Messrs. Benjamin Black and Philip Jones, of B. beach, for fish 1000
yards of fishing and line fishing in Lake Ontario, off Burlington
Beach. . . . \$5.00.
2. Jonathan Bailey, B. beach, for fish 1000 yards of fishing and line
fishing in Lake Ontario off B. beach. . . . \$5.00.
3. John Brown, B. beach, for fish 500 yards of fishing and line
fishing in Lake Ontario, off B. beach. . . . \$2.50.
4. Alexander McFarland, B. beach, for fish 1000 yards of fishing
and line fishing in Lake Ontario off B. beach. . . . \$5.00.
5. Robert Campbell, B. beach, for fish 1000 yards of fishing
and line fishing in Lake Ontario, off B. beach. . . . \$5.00.
6. Alexander Kellie, B. beach, for fish 3000 yards of
salmon trout white fish, fishing and line fishing in Lake Ontario,
off B. beach. . . . \$5.00.
7. - Duncan: Mr. Gillinay, of B. beach, for fish 500 yards of
fish and Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario. . . . \$2.50.
8. Thomas Joice, of B. beach, for fish 1000 yards of fishing and
Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario, off B. beach. . . . \$5.00.
9. Richard Joice, of B. beach, for fish 1000 yards of fishing and
Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario off B. beach. . . . \$5.00.
10. - Hol: Mr. B. Villiers, B. beach, for license to fish in
Lake Ontario, on B. beach same as last year. . . . \$5.00.
11. Hol: Mr. Patten, B. beach, for license to fish in Lake Ontario
on B. beach same as last year. . . . \$5.00.
12. Mr. S. L. Baxter, Hamilton, for a license in fishing
Station No. 1, in B. bay, on B. beach where the traps
boats for anglers, same as last year. . . . \$5.00.
13. Messrs. John Barry on S. H. Grant, B. beach, for license
to fish on station No. 4 B. bay same as that granted by
the department last year. . . . \$5.00.
4. Messrs. M. M. Wange and John C. Burkett of Hamilton,
for license to fish on station No. 5, B. bay, on Burlington
Beach, same as last year. . . . \$5.00.
5. Mrs. Ann Shoberl, B. beach, for to fish 2000 yards of line
gill nets in Lake Ontario off B. beach, and 500 yards of line fishing
in fishing station No. 14 and 19, - 500 in Lake Ontario. . . .

Yours of 26th of August received, & I mention to you that I went up to Port Colborne, but instead of going up to your part of Lake Erie, I went away down to Ridgeway, leaving you for another visit.

If you will be pleased to send me five dollars, I will send at once, on receipt of same to Ottawa, and get you a license to fish a Seine in Lake Erie, between Long Point & Port Colborne.

I would come up now but prefer doing so later in the season, when fall fishing will be going on. - With kind regards, believe me,

Yours respectfully,

Alfred Godman,

Port Colborne,

John W. Clark

B.O.

3. Sep: 1878. -

P.S., When you answer, say where I will find your place, when I do come.

Monday 2 September 1878. -

Went to see all the fishermen, regarding their gill net licenses, commenced with Ben Clark, east - terminated with Thomas Joyce - north end - miles about 28 - \$4 & B, \$2. dinner for two 50¢. - got no money.

Saturday - 7th Sep: 1878. -

at Toronto - saw Mr. Collock, and read to him letters respecting his communications to the Fisheries Department - Ottawa. about licenses for James Joyce and Thomas Thomas, - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6 p.m. - miles 38 - My fare 75¢ dinner 25¢ Stage 25¢. See my report. - - - - - \$1.25

Tuesday 10. Sep: 1878. -

at Grimsby and 30 mile Creek - to regulate the fishing between the Misses 3 Hands - Balls, - Harts, and Keith, - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6.30 p.m. - miles 50. - My fare 80¢ dinner 30¢ & \$1.00 Boat 50¢

My dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse me for not visiting you sooner. - After several attempts, I at last got leave for you to fish back, as a lease or gill net west of Whiggas point. - There is a man now getting on with his line haul fishing; please let me know, and give him the enclosed note from me. -

Fulmer, and Standison got their boat but the gill net and hook, were forfeited, and they had to pay our expenses for bringing boat from your place to Whiggas. -

I hope you are all well and my kind regards to your wife, father and mother. -

Yours truly,
John M. Storr
Bridgeway
B.C.

Yours truly,
John M. Storr

B.C.
3rd Sept 1872.

Please let me know when these people above start their commercial fishing, and I will come up.

J. M. Storr

My dear Sir,

As I did not call upon you for the five dollars because you were then I was lost up at Whiggas, will you be so good as to let me have the money and I will send it at once to Whiggas and get up your license for you. -

When does your fall fishing commence? Has any one been hauling above the point since I was up there last. With kind regards

Yours truly,
John M. Storr
B.C.
3rd Sept 1872.

John M. Storr

B.C.
3rd Sept 1872.

Postages 30c

Pencils 10c

Sir,

11. Sep: 1878.

I have the honor to send you, Bank draft \$50; 65¢, for Ten dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season as follows;

1. Help John and Patrick Stand, Verona, and Grimsby, -
for last license, &c, already received and delivered - on a set now sent you. - - - - - 7.50.
 2. George Allards, - Frenchman's bay, - Boat License to fish 200 yards of White fish gill net, in L. Ontario between the bay and the Rouge. Township of Pickering. - - - - - 2.00.
 3. John Proudfoot, of Whitby - A License to fish at Whitby Barabow, - same as last season. - - - - - 3.00.
- Total \$10.00.

please send me licenses for Nos 2, and 3, - I have &c.

Yours Minister
H. H. H.

Schultz & Son
To,

9¢ postage.

- | | | | | |
|----|---------|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. | Sent to | John Stand. | } | Close season |
| 2. | " | Pat Stand. | | |
| 3. | " | Peter Bath. | } | for |
| 4. | " | Asaph & Charles Ball. | | |
| 5. | " | Wm. Ingledew. | } | Speckled Trout. |
| 6. | " | David Ward. | | |
| 7. | " | P. Gray. | } | white fish |
| 8. | " | Thomas Mansfield. | | |
| 9. | " | Thomas Elliot. | } | Salmon Trout. |

Mailed for each, - this 14 day of Sep: 1878.

Schultz & Son
To.

27. September 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith a Bank draft No: 735, for the sum of twenty two dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows: —

1. Mr David Herron. — For a License to fish a pla =
chine on Station No: 3, in the Niagara River, at Queen =
ston, for this current season, — and please send me
License — \$5.00

2. Thomas Elliot and boy — Balance of License
fee, — for seine hauling ground in the Niagara
River, — at Niagara — for this current season, —
License received and delivered. — 7.00.

3. — John Bolton. — For seine hauling ground,
at Six Mile Creek in Lake Ontario at Niagara,
for this current season. — License received and
delivered. — 5.00.

4. Jas: Cambwell — For boat License, to fish
gill nets, in L. Ontario, at Niagara, — received
and delivered. — 5.00.

And with due respect

I have &c

John W. Herron
H.O.

Hon. Minister. —

Y. Y. Y.

Tuesday, 25. Sept 1878. —

At Sus: Bridge, Queenston, and Niagara, David
Herron paid \$5. for last season and this. Thence by
Railway Train to Niagara. — John Bolton paid \$5. in
seine hauling ground. — Jas: Cambwell \$5. for a Boat
License and Mr Thomas Elliot \$5. on seine ground. —

Heard of great quantities of shrimps being washed down
as if from Port Hope in Lake Erie — went out at
8. a.m. came in 4. p.m. — Miles 60. Pay fare 2.75.
Staid \$1.50 — dinner, tea and bed 75¢. —

Thursday 26. Sep: 1878. —

at Niagara Port Dalhousie and Hamilton.
Staid Buggy 1.50, — Bus fare 15¢. Breakfast 25¢
dinner 45¢. Miles 50. —

Sir,

27, Sep: 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that on visiting Queenston, and the Town of Niagara, on the 25th and 26th instant, I found that large quantities of full grown herring had been floating down the Niagara River, for some days previously. - - -

Mr. Rogers, of the Customs Department, at Buffalo, with whom I talked on the subject, said that he heard those fish were killed with dynamite in the Niagara River, at a place called Sheshe, in State of New York. - - -

When I heard, and my own belief is, that those Herring, have been let loose from the Bait Bets - in Lake Erie - some dead - and others alive, and nearly dead, and strong south westerly winds - have float them towards Buffalo and getting into the current and carried down the River, have been seen, and observed, as I have herein reported. - - -

I will take a run up next week, to my division of Lake Erie, traverse and examine the beach of the said Lake, in the County of Walworth, and report to you the result. - - -

I Stave Vic.

Johill W. Kerr,
D.O.

Wm: H. Minister,
H. H.
Buffalo.

Went on several occasions to B. beach on fishery business - that I did not charge for! - also attended three times at Police Court, about the Speckled Trout - Case of John Davis - for which I did not charge. - - -

J. H. Kerr - D.O.

4
Quills - 25.
Envelopes - 10, = 35.
Bookcase - 30. -

Postage stamps -
For Letters - 24.
" Notes - 20.

Sir:

13. September 1878.

I am in receipt of your letter to Mr. W. D. Pollock of Bronte, appointed Guardian by the Department, to take charge of the 12. and 16. mile Creek, on the north side of Lake Ontario, in the County of Halton;

Also his letter to you applying for licenses for persons James Joice of Bronte, and Thomas Thomas of Oakville for to fish bass gill nets in Lake Ontario, and with your instructions to him for future guidance, and to me to report thereon. . . .

I have now in compliance with your orders to report that

1st James Joice, is one of the Joice Bros^{es} of Bronte, who had a license last winter to fish 3,000 yards of bass gill nets in Lake Ontario at Bronte, Township of Nelson; please refer to my letter to you of 20. May last, by which you will learn and be reminded of this fact. . . .

I was made aware last spring that this Joice partnership was dissolved, and in future they would fish separate, and on the 3rd of September instant, I applied for a Boat License for Richard Joice; and now ask you, and beg to recommend you, to furnish me with a Boat License, for James and Robert Joice of Bronte; for to fish 1,200 yards of bass gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of the Township of Nelson for this current season at the annual rate of \$5. . . .

With respect to Mr. Thomas Thomas of Oakville, I may report, that he has not finally made up his mind yet, for to fish, but whenever he does, I will send forward and recommend his license to be granted, as he has had a license from the Department, already, a few years ago, he knows to whom he will apply again for a license. . . .

Mr. W. D. Pollock of Bronte, whom I called on last Saturday in connection with this matter, will in future carry out your instructions to him as regards persons applying in future for licenses. . . .

I thank you (Mr. Bassett) for not permitting Mr. Pollock, to mislead my friends. . . .

I have to report, that I also pointed out to him his duty in connection with the 12. and 16. mile Creeks.

And with due respect

I have &c

Hon: Minister,

John W. Bassett

Mailed - Letter to Harry Sheppard - Quinsboro,
containing Key - for Mr Palmer - Hotel Keeper, - and belonging
to the Yellow Craft 4.

Mailed - Letter to Mr Jos: Moon - P⁵ Union, -

Mailed - License to Col: Wm Patton - Ireland Revenue
Hamilton -

Mailed - License to John Proudfoot - Whitby N. Office.

" License to Jos: Charles Frenchman Bay -
Hamilton N. Office.

Mailed - Class Season for James and Irish - Notice
to Mr Jos: Elliot

Michigan, onto

this 30th September 1878. -

John W. Starr
G.O. -

Ser.

1st October 1878. -

I have the honor to send you an account
of my charges for quarter ending 30th day of September
last, amounting to

Adm - Voucher No: 1. - Office Rent. -	John W. Starr	\$ 30.90¢
" " " 2. - Stationery &c.	do.	" 5.00.
" " " 3. - Postages. -	do.	" 1.14.
" " " 4. - Bookable fees, &c. McNeil;		4.00.

Total. \$ 41.89¢.

Which I hope will meet your approval. -

Yours sincerely,
John W. Starr

I have Yr.
John W. Starr
G.O.

Not Counted

Monday, 30. September 1878. -

On B. beach, Col: Villiers paid me \$5, delivered his License,
gave Mr Sherburne, his License; - saw other fishermen; - went out at
2. p.m. came in at 6.30. p.m. Miles 24. -

My dear Mr Elliot.

Have you seen Mr Jos: Cantwell
and does he intend to refuse altogether holding the same hauling
ground at the point? - If so, he had better pay five dollars,
the same as Mr John Patton has done - there last May - as I don't
want any man to hold a fishing ground against his will. -

It is about time for Longhurst to pay up the balance of
his License money. - We are all in good health, I got home
last, same day I left, I sent the flys to Mr J. B. Green
and with kind regards to all

Hamilton Ont

Yrs Yr. John W. Starr

2. Oct. 1878.

1st October 1878.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No. 753, for the sum of Twenty dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season as follows; for License to -

1. Col: Wm. Patton - For fishing station in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, received and delivered. - \$ 5.00.
2. Col: St. M. Villiers - For fishing station in L. Onto. on B. beach, received and delivered. - " 5.00.
3. St. L. Bastien, - For License of fishing station No. 1. in B. bay, on B. beach, on which he has a Boat House for boats, used for Angling purposes, received and delivered. - " 5.00.
4. R. M. Wanger, and Jas: E. Luckett - For License to fish on station No. 5, in B. bay, on B. beach, received and delivered. " 5.00.

Total \$ 20.00

Hon: Ministers
H. H. H.

I Have Hc.
John W. Kerr
S.O.

Ottawa, 30. Sep: 1878. -

Mr Kerr,

Please look over this, and see whether the description will answer, The difficulty is to make it Concise and Clear at same time. -

Hamilton Onto S. P. Bauser.

2nd Oct: 1878,-

Mr Bauser,

Would you not think it advisable, to state the property was owned and occupied by Melfs W. Jago, and Jas: E. Secord. -

In all other respects the Memorandum will answer. -

Respectfully Yrs
John W. Kerr
S.O.

Please see pencil memorandum
attached - J. W. Kerr

Sir,

11. October 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No. 826, for the sum of Thirteen dollars. . . .

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: -

1. Mr Henry Sheppard, - Queenston - Balance in full for his fishing ground in the Niagara River, for current season, License delivered. - \$1.00.
 2. Mr John Bouwer, - B. beach, on account of Boat License in Lake Ontario, received and delivered. - 1.00.
 3. Mr Thomas Loie, B. beach, - "For boat License in Lake Ontario at B. beach" - received, and del. - 5.00.
 4. Mr Joseph Gabriel, Queenston, - "For a License to fish a Machine Net, in the Niagara River at Queenston." - received and delivered. - 6.00.
- Total, \$13.00.

The Hon ble

The Minister

H. H. H.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

H. O.

Sunday, 6. October 1878. -

- * On B. beach. Found all regular, - \$4 B. - 2.50, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - Miles 26, - was at the Straits and the Plains, - Working too long. H. K. K. with me. -

Thursday 10. October 1878. -

- * At Winona - to see Paddy Stand, - got five White fish 2 Trout, and a pickerel, - went out at 6. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. - went on to the City, sent four White fish - to Mr White, - paid \$1.15 + Express charges, - paid 2.35, for Cotton, sent to Paddy Stand, sent \$1. to Mr Corey. - \$4 B. 2.00, - Breakfast 25¢, Miles 36, - Express charges 1.15

Friday, 11th October 1878.

- * On B. beach, found all regular, - Heard Ben. Fola was drunk, - and was fishing small Cisco gill net, went out at 9. a. m. came in at 2. p. m. Miles 24 - \$4 B. 2.00

S. J. J. J.

Saturday, 12th October 1878. -

At Sus. Bridge, Queenston and Niagara, accom-
panied from Sus. Br. to Queenston by Mr. Thos. Wyne
of the Ontario Police Force - No person fishing the
Machines on Saturday night went on to the
Town of Niagara - My fare $\$1.50$ ^{see 14th below} $\$1.50$ $\$3.00$ -
See 25th below 25th - Miles 60. - went out at 3. p.m.
came in at 2. a.m. -

Sunday, 13. October 1878. -

At Niagara and Queenston and back again -
visited the Upper Machine. Found a box of fish
there - Fresh caught as supposed by Jerry Sul-
livan, who rented the Machine from John
Robbin, - who rented from John Wadsworth -
James Sheppard and Thos. Wyne - Constable were
with me - beside Joe Bruce Jr - seized the
fish and gave them to the Constable. - $\$1.50$

Henry Stone - fished the Machine on Saturday
and left at 6 o'clock - p.m. - left no fish be-
hind him in the box - went out at 4 p.m.
came in at 12 mid night - Horse & B. $\$2.00$ +
breakfast, dinner tea and bed $\$1.00$ +.

* Monday, 14. Oct: 1878. -

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton
went out at 10. a.m. came in at 4.30 p.m.
Miles 48. Stage 50^q dinner $\$1.50$ - Horses 15^q
breakfast 25^q - extras 25^q - My $\$1.50$ + $\$2.40$ +.

Note W. D. Pollock - North Guardian
" Henry Sheppard, Queenston. -
" Wm. Carey. Long Point. -

My dear Sir,

It having been reported to me, that you allowed your machine in the Niagara River at Queens-
to be fished every Sunday, when fighting and
drunkenness is carried on, and other disgraceful Conduct. -

It has also been reported to me that you have rented
out your machine to John Robbins of Lewiston, N. S.,
who sub let to Jerry Sullivan of Lewiston. - You can-
not do this legally. -

I visited your machine on last Sunday evening
when I found your machine fishing in contravention of the
fishing Act. -

I also found several fish on the premises, and fish
offal and fish guts on the bank of the River - and as you
are the owner of the machine, I require to know what
explanation you have to make to me for this illegal
and disgraceful conduct on the part of your employees.
Answers immediately. -

Yours, &c.

John W. Kerr

D. A.

Hamilton, 14. Oct: 1878.

Mr John Wadsworth
Lewiston

Wednesday, 16. October 1878. -

Attended the Assize, as a Witness to Character of J. H. Kerr
of B. Beach, a Fisherman, who was being tried on suspicion of
writing a number of threatening Letters - in re. N. W. Railway
across B. Beach - Township of Saltfleet. - He was acquitted by
the Jury, - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m.
Miles 8. - H. W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

Yours received, you had better petition at once, as I have no power whatever in the premises. -

See Mr Bunting your New M. P. whom you support, who lives at the S. P. and I have no doubt but he will recommend the prayer of your petition. - -

Get John Everitt to join you in it, and let me have it by Saturday, or Monday morning next, and I will do my very best for you. - -

Let your petition set forth the facts that the Americans are now fishing, and the grievance you labour under by being prevented and stopped from fishing. I send you a copy of the order in Council, so that you may refer to it in your petition as well as shew it to Mr Bunting to whom you will every thing respecting the late W. A. Thompson's action had and done against you and don't disguise from Mr B. M. P. - anything. -

and until you get the promise of your petition granted, do not fish, nor attempt to break the fishing Act. - With kind regards.

Mr Chester A. Harris.
Don't lose

John W. Kerr
J. O.

17. Oct. 1878.

P.S. Mr Eden, ex Customs officer, who drew up your petition before, is a good hand, to draw up this petition. - a few alterations will be appointed this week.

J. W. Kerr

Monday 21. October 1878. -
at Toronto, the Island - Prescott Junction, and Ottawa, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 8.30. a.m. - on 22. instant, Miles 326. Ry fare 10.75, dinner 35¢, Tea 25¢, boat \$1. supper 50¢ Cab fare 60¢, extras 1.50, \$1.00.
\$15.95¢

Tuesday 22. Oct 1878. -
at Ottawa, in Fisheries department, breakfast dinner tea \$1.00¢ Ry fare back to Toronto and Hamilton \$11.35¢ Cab fare \$1.00¢ 4¢ Horse and buggy from Whitley to Pt. Union 4.00, Miles 326, and 10 Miles extras. -
\$17.35¢

Sir,

22 October 1878.

I have the honor to apply and I beg most respectfully to recommend that the license for spearing during and for the 10th bay and the Bander March during the season be extended from the 10th of November to read from the 15th of November to the 15th of December next instead of from the 10th of November as at present fixed. -

And that spearing for pike and bass be also inserted to commence on 1st of January, or as soon as the ice runs, and to end on 20th day of April following, and that that fishing of all kinds be strictly prohibited in the bay, the bay, the bay, and the Bander March. -

And that I be authorized to give the necessary public notice in the Spectator and Bander Standard, and papers who support me - and send such the present government and their policy. -

And that fifty copies of the notice be sent to me for posting up and circulation. -

Please refer to your public notice given on the 9th of October 1874. -

I Have &c.

Yours Minister

John W. Hear

C.O.

Sir,

22 October 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for 25 copies of the published notice dated Ottawa 14th October 1876, giving close season for White Fish, Salmon Trout, and Spotted Trout, in the Province of Ontario. - Also a copy of the Canada Gazette in which the same was published. - Please refer to section 19, and sub sections 2, and 3 of section 19, of the Fisheries Act. -

I Have &c.

Yours Minister

John W. Hear

C.O.

Wednesday 23rd October 1878. -
 Breakfast 50¢ dinner 40¢ and Tea 25¢
 Street Railway - 20¢
 Total 2.95

Sir,

24. October 1878.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a package of the Regulation setting apart a portion of the waters of B. bay, in the Township of Austin, for the natural and Artificial of fish. --

Will you be pleased to furnish me with a copy of the Canada Gazette as in the case of having the prosecution in the water so set apart I could not convict unless - perhaps - I had the Gazette in which the Regulation was published. --

Please refer to section 19, and sub section 2, and 3 of section 9, of the Fisheries Act.

Yours faithfully,

I have &c.

John W. Carr

J.W.C.

Sir,

22. October 1878. --

I have the honor to apply to you, for the sum of One Hundred dollars on account of this quarter's current expenses. --

And with due respect

Yours faithfully,

I have &c.

John W. Carr

J.W.C.

Friday, 25, October 1878. --

at Fort Erie, and Black Rock to ascertain if the statements put forth in Messrs Harris & Everett's petition to fish in the Niagara River was correct. saw the (3) seine on the Reels - between the Queen City Mill - and Square Island, - owned by Miller and Fields - and Dutch Charley. saw Chester & Harris on the subject. - went out at 8.

a.m. came in at 4 p.m. - miles 144, -

Ry fare 3.75. dinner and tea 75 of street car 20¢ Ferry 20¢

Oct.

22 October 1878.

I have the honor herewith, Bank draft No. 925, for the sum of five dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for Boat Licenses: —

1. Mr. J. H. H. and Mrs. J. H. H. of Clinton, — For a Boat License to fish 500 yards of White fish and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of lots 100 to 110 in the Township of Clinton. — \$3.00

2. Mr. Noble Keith of Clinton. — For a Boat License to fish 500 yards of White fish and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of lots 100 to 110 in the Township of Clinton. — \$2.00

Will you be pleased to send me the Licenses. —

I Have &c.

John W. H. H.

Hon. Mr. H. H.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to pay herewith a Post office order, in your favor on Port Rowan for (\$25) twenty dollars for the pay of William W. H. for the skiff. —

I was at Ottawa, the early part of this week, and I saw Mr. White, who repeated me to kindly send her love to you. —

Can you send me some choice ducks for myself, if I send you the money for them, a Bag of ducks. — Mr. Blackie would give me a permit to go to Long point for a few days, but then I don't think I will come. —

Why don't you answer my letter this day it is not correct that you voted for Allan. —

With my best and kindest regards to you and yours, I am yours, fraternally.

John W. H.

J. W. H.

26 Oct. 1878.

Wm Leary Esq
The Steward
Long point
Port Rowan.

28. October 1878. -

On B. beach, Alex. Kollo paid me \$5. John Jafe ^{\$2.50} and John Corey \$2.50 the former license, and the latter on acct of License for this current year, thence on to Winona - went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. miles about 46. - \$4 B. 2.50 - dinner 25. Tolls 7¢

Sent notices about close season -

To Port: David - Winona:
 " Francis Reid, Pt. Credit,
 " J. W. Druein, Toronto.
 " Express Agent, Hamilton. -
 " S. S. Vickless - Toronto. -
 " The Canada Express Coy, Toronto.
 " A. A. Anderson. St. W. W. Ry Coy

Mailed also, to
 Lew. Marsh,
 B. St. Mary. -

Chas & Geo. Lang.
 Calhoun Wright.
 Michael Rode,
 Mrs. Walsh -
 Charles & Force,
 A. Sticks -
 Thos. Thomas.
 James Joice,
 St. Catharines

Charles Munday,
 Chas. Woodland,
 Lewis Riefey

Mailed License and Notice
 of Close season this 31st
 of Oct. 1878. -
 To Noble Keith

Walter H. D. Lyon -
 Postage 1 X 25. X

Express
 charges
 of 1.00¢

Thursday 31st October 1878.

* At Port Credit, to see Jas. J. Wilcox about the appearance of Salmon in the Credit River - and who reported five Salmon being seen therein. - thence to G. Reid - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. - 68 miles. -
 Ry fare 1.80. St and B. 1.75 - dinner 25¢

Monday 4. Nov: 1878. -

at Harrisburg on the Look out for White fish and S. Trout - these are being shipped over the Rail-
 way at present - by either the Express Coy - or the
 Railway - went out at 8.20. a.m. came in at
 2.30. p.m. - Miles 40 - Ry fare 2.50 -

24. October 1878.
 I have the honor to have your receipt dated 14th inst.
 the sum of \$11.50 as balance due. -
 Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this
 current year as follows:
 1. Alexander Noble & Son, - "Boat License in Lake Ontario
 paid off to boat, already received and delivered. - 5.00
 2. Jonathan Barry - "Boat License in Lake Ontario
 paid off to boat, already received and delivered. - 2.50
 3. John Taffa - "Boat License in Lake Ontario
 paid off to boat, already received and delivered. - 2.50
 4. John Connor - "Boat License in Lake Ontario
 paid off to boat, already received and delivered. - 1.50
 Total \$11.50

Yours faithfully,
 J. W. R. Hamilton
 J. W. R. Hamilton
 J. W. R. Hamilton

Much Respected Sir,
 I take the liberty of informing
 you that the close season for White Fish and Salmon
 about this year, will be from the 1st to the 10th day of November
 next, both days inclusive, as per notice herewith. -
 Will you be pleased (again), to give the necessary in-
 structions to the Station Agents, Conductors and other officers
 of your Company, so that the fishing act may still
 continue to be duly observed as heretofore on their part.
 I have to
 J. W. R. Hamilton
 J. W. R. Hamilton
 J. W. R. Hamilton

Wednesday, 6. November 1878. -
 At Toronto, Port Union, Whitby, Shoal Point, and back
 to Duffins Creek, - found that Salmon had been up Lyons Creek,
 and in Duffins Creek in great abundance. Say about 120 -
 and about 50 beds - the fish were large - and all had left
 except a few say 2 pair still under tumbling dam -
 Mr John Gordon & his son watching them very
 carefully. - Ry 1.00 - Horse buggy 2.00 - dinner tea and bed 1.00
 Hills 5.00 - -

Sir,

4. November 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for one hundred blank spearing licenses for issue in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh, commencing on the 15th day of this month; - "For spearing in open water, and to end on the 15th day of December next" -

And for pike and bass, commencing on the 1st day of January next, and ending on the 20th day of April following, being at the rate of one dollar each license, for the whole period. -

I have &c.

Hon: Minister

John W. Ross

&c.

Sir,

4. November 1878.

I will thank you to furnish me with a package of large envelopes (official) as I have now only three of last supply on hand -

I have &c.

Hon: Minister

John W. Ross

&c.

Sir,

2nd November 1878.

I have the honor to report that on this day, Mr. John Davis - Fish Dealer here - showed me a letter from a fisherman at Southampton - Lake Huron ^{to him} wishing to be employed if he wanted fish, S. Trout, and White fish, mostly white fish - and ^{that} he could procure a Certificate from the Overseers of that Division - that they were caught before close season -

Now my impression is, that ^{as} the close season for Salmon Trout and White fish is so very short only ten days - the law should be strictly observed - besides the General Manager of the G. W. Ry. and the Overseers to the Southampton and Kincardine - L. Huron - having taken especial pains by issuing Circulars - to the Agents and other employees of the Ry. - not to receive any such fish during the close season - should be of itself ^{a very} sufficient warning, not to ship these fish during the close season -

and I told Mr. Davis, what the law was & showing previous issues and posted the Whitefish notice of 1st of July last in the fish.

I have &c.

Hon: Minister

John W. Ross

&c.

Hon: Minister

I attach the G. W. Ry

Copy Circular for

attention - and letter to me from

General Manager -

Thursday 4. Nov: 1878. -

At Duffin's Creek. Frenchman's bay. - Port Union. Toronto, and Hamilton - went out at 5. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. - Miles 75. Ry fare of 1.00. Horse and buggy 2.00. breakfast and dinner \$1.00. -

Got returns at Frenchman's bay - also obtained some notes of Salmon in Island Creek - the Range and Tyne Creek. -

Friday 5. Nov: 1878. -

At Hamilton - saw the editor of the Standard - the head of the Fisheries department & published the following notice in his paper - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. - Miles 20. went from Hamilton - by back road to B. St. J. 15. found all anglers - Horse and buggy \$1.20 - dinner for two 50¢. Total 15¢. C. J. H. -

Saturday 12. Nov: 1878. -

At Port Credit. Springfield, and Streetsville, in consequence of telegraph received from Thos: Harris - Hotel Keeper - Streetsville, that he had a Salmon that was caught spawning in River Credit there. -

Met Mr. Turner - of Springfield on the Road - who told me John Hayes Jr. of Springfield caught a Salmon - that David Apple saw it with him. - - And that a Salmon was caught and crushed in his Turners mill wheel, and killed. -

That a man named Sproule - one of three brothers had shot a Salmon - Thence on to Streetsville - and got from Mr. Thos: Harris - the head and part of body of female Salmon ^{2500 2 eggs} caught by John Young - a boy 13 years of age, in River Credit at the bend below Gooderham's mill - that he saw the place and examined it carefully, the said boy, and Mr. Harris being with me. -

Salmon better, a female - but up the Salmon - took the largest part of it along with him. - The boy - Young took a piece home with him - and he gave Harris the best piece, and the eggs I got from him. - -

John Lewis - of Cooksville - saw the Salmon last spring, with John Hayes - ^{and so did Sproule} that he saw it. it was said to be of Streetsville - were seen - and a Salmon at Gooderham's dam - which they were repairing a few days before Young got the Salmon - went out at 5. a.m. came in at 10.30. p.m. - Miles 95. Ry fare \$2.00. & 144 B. 3.00. dinner, tea, breakfast \$1.25. - - - - - Several other Salmon were seen - particularly within the limits of the Village of Streetsville. -

Las: J. Wiley Esq.

My dear Sir,

Have you been able to find out any thing more about the Salmon since I saw you. - Do every thing in your power to get out all the information you can about the Salmon, and the proof against those persons who have been killing them last fall, last spring and this present fall.

Hamilton, Oct 10

Yours sincerely
John W. Kerr

Sir,

16. November 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you, for the following items, as the last supply is fairly used up: -
100. Blank Summons. - 100. Blank Subpoena's.
100. Blank Convictions. - 100. Blank Commitments. -

Hamilton

Yours truly,

John W. Kerr

My John Woodfoot
Whitby

My dear Sir,

I have heard that a good many Salmon have been up Lyons Cr. have you seen any yet, and I hear some of them were shot near the Kingston Road Bridge. We all here John may guess and uphold your credit and reputation, don't let any person play on you, let me hear from you.

Yours truly
John W. Kerr

Hamilton

18 Nov 1878

Friday, 15. Nov; 1878,

On the Straights. The plains, the square and B. Beach, examined Rollo's take of fish - found 33. Small white fish therein. See my Report of 4. Dec 1878. - went out at 9. a.m., came in at 7. p.m. Miles 30. \$4 B. 2.50. C. J. Kerr, with me. -

See page 172

My dear Sir.

18. Nov. 1878.

I have been told that Salmon have been seen in the Twelve Creek, about Shaws Mill, and at the dam above the Railway Bridge. Also that there are Salmon beds in the Creek; Have you seen any of them. - On receipt go above the dam, and examine the rapids and deep holes near the rapids, and about the Mill, and note what you see for me,

W. D. Pollock,
J. J.
Toronto.

Yrs truly
John W. Sarr
D.O.

Monday 18th November 1878. -

at B. beach, waited there until Alex Rollo, and George Hall, came in from fishing their Herring gill nets. -
Went out at 8. a.m. came in 6. p.m. Miles 26.

544 B. #2 - dinner for two 50¢. Tolls 30¢. -

Heard that George Hall, had told that Billy Rollo had given J. W. Kerr, a big young one - and had threatened to give the man who told on his father for catching the small white fish during close season a good beating. -

Examined Rollo's two boxes of fish no small white fish amongst them - Questioned Rollo about the C. J. K. -

Tuesday 19. Nov. 1878. -

at the Heights and on the Bay - grappled for gill nets, - McDonald paid me #2. - went out at 10. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - Miles 20. 544 B. 1.50, dinner 50¢ C. J. K.

Wednesday 20. Nov. 1878.

at Police Court, - Alex Rollo, and Geo. Hall - before Jas. Cahill Esq. J. P. - for catching young white fish with Herring gill net, - went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 4.30. p.m. - Miles 8 - C. J. K. - with me -

paid Telegraph 35¢ - Henry Nicholson paid #2. for speaking licenses - and Alex McDonald #1. -

1878

13 November 1878,

I have to report that in consequence of a Telegram that I received from Mr. Thomas Harris - Hotel Keeper - Streetsville, on River Credit - thus, "I have a Salmon caught in River Credit here spawning." - I proceeded on yesterday to Springfield, and Streetsville, on the River Credit, and there learned from several persons; that a good many large Salmon had been recently observed, in the River below Springfield, and within the limits of the Village of Streetsville. - - Also that a Salmon had been shot in the flats in the River above Springfield by a young man of the locality, named Sphorle. - -

Arriving at Mr. Thomas Harris - Hotel, - Streetsville, I found a piece of a female Salmon, he had secured for me, preserved in salt and water, with 2,500, salmon eggs, the piece I allude to, was 10" long, including the head. - -

The Salmon itself, when caught on last Sunday, by a young lad named John Young, 13 years old, after being cleaned, weighed 8 pounds. - A farmer named Solomon Casler, cut up the Salmon. - -

I shall send the piece of Salmon, with the eggs, today to Mr. Samuel Wilcox, Newcastle -

On my way up to Streetsville, I met Mr. Curver of Springfield, - who informed me, that the Salmon are very numerous in the River Credit, this season. - One was crushed by his mill wheel, that John Hayes Jr. of Springfield caught on a wooden trap - John Lewis of Streetsville, saw the fish with him. - -

I carefully examined the river at Streetsville as pointed out to me, by the boy John Young, where he caught this Salmon. - -

Upon enquiry I find that this fish must have been injured by some person or persons, before this boy's attention was drawn to it on Sunday last. The fish was lying on the top of the water, close to the bank of the River, when he first saw it with a smaller fish, (Salmon) beside it. The fish swam out into stream, but the force of the current, forced the fish to the bank again; Young said I then struck it with a stone and I ultimately caught it, and on being put by me down on the ground, several eggs were produced, the fish it being ripe thereon. -

Two days or two before this Salmon was captured, George Howard, J. F. Cooper, Dick Clark, and Walter Leslie, of Streetsville, were employed repairing Gooderham's dam - when they observe several Salmon under the dam, which they endeavored by the aid of sticks and stones to capture, but failed at the time.

I refer to these incidents as perhaps closely connected with this female Salmon, caught by the boy - John Young, and by the aid of a stone thrown by him. -

I would respectfully recommend, that you will be pleased to direct Mr Sam Wilcox, to come up, to Springfield, and Streetsville, and assist me in a thorough investigation and trial of these cases. - And with due respect,

I Have Ye,

Hon: Minister

H. H. H.

John W. Hart

D.O.

Sir,

13. 7. 80: 1272,

I have the honor to report for your information that in consequence of the Salmon state of affairs, in which I found the River Credit on yesterday, I placed Mr Thomas Harris of Streetsville a temporary Guardian - to protect the Salmon within the Village limits; and John Wright of Lot 3, Streetsville Road - to protect them from Streetsville to the Village of Springfield, at the rate of \$20, each subject to your approval. - -

Whilst I advised Mr James J. Wilcox, of Port Credit, the permanent Guardian to devote his attention for the present between the Indian Village and Springfield; as the rapid Salmon have been recently observed by him and others. - And with due respect,

I Have Ye

John W. Hart

D.O.

John Gordon Esq Esq

Guardian

Duffins Creek.

My dear Sir,

Yours received, I am glad

to hear such a glowing and good account from you.

So long as a Salmon remains, you will keep on the Right Watchman. - - I was up the River Credit on Tuesday last the Salmon are very numerous there, keep a close look out for all poaching rascals. - You will have Salmon until the wear of this Moon, at least I think so.

Our National policy - is Home Manufacture, and protection to Salmon. - - -

And with my kind regards as usual,

Hon: Minister

Yr

John W. Hart

D.O.

Sir,

15, November 1878. -

I have the honor to report that nearly all the Mill dams on the main Branch - of the River Credit were badly injured damaged and Carried away, by the great freshet of September last. -

And as all these Mill dams, will be all rebuilt, and repaired again, a good opportunity now presents itself of having Fishways constructed therein. - And more particularly is this now needed, in consequence of the parent Salmon making their appearance there this fall and last spring in goodly numbers, as far up as Streetsville. - -

The three dams between Springfield and Gooderham's dam, at Streetsville, were carried away - hence, why the fish were enabled to get up so far this fall. -

I hope you will be pleased to reconsider the order - given me; - that the fishways then being put in the dams, were not to be then constructed until further orders. -

In consequence of the favourable show of Salmon in the Credit River, as reported by me to you, on the 13th. I respectfully beg to ~~renew~~ ^{renew} that you will be pleased to renew your notice and Order to have the fishways constructed in the Mill dams between Springfield and Alcadonvale.

and with due respect

Yours

Sincerely

I Have &c

John W. Hall

Friday, 15 November 1878. -

On 13. Heights - received #2. from Mr Vincent Little one for David Black, the other for Nedmond, to apply on Herring Spawning License - Thence by the plains to B. Beach. - John Laafe informed me that Alex. Kolla and George Stoll had been catching small white fish during the close season with Herring gill nets - and sold them to young Olive, and paid - told them all over the locality - that Olive, had told his brother Wick - he was afraid to take any more of them - as J. W. Kerr, Sheriff would be sure to hear of it - that young Charley Laafe had been a boat load containing about 400. nearly all young white fish, with Kolla and Stoll - one day recently, After they fished up - that the gill net fishing was being carried on only two miles out - Kolla and Stoll, being out then - fishing up - invited for them to come in, found 33. white fish as he reported - in their nets - which I seized and confiscated - and gave to Boys' Home - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 8. p.m. - Miles 28. 144 B. 2.50.

See 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

dinner and tea for self and Charles J. Kerr off 1.00¢

Sir,

16. November 1878.-

I have the honor to send you a letter I have cut from the Toronto Mail of the 15th instant, with reference to the herring hauling fishery in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, Canada, being stopped.

And in doing so, I beg most respectfully to refer you to the petition of the Fort Erie fishermen, forwarded per my report of the 28th day of October last.---

And as public opinion is decidedly in favor of permission being again granted under license, to the Fort Erie fishermen being permitted by you to fish again, I have no hesitation in strongly recommending the same for your immediate consideration and sanction. -- And with due respect,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr
J.O.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

Sir,

16. November 1878.-

I have the honor to report that on yesterday afternoon, from private information I received; I examined and overhauled 297 fish caught by Alex. Rollo, and George Stoll - fishermen, on Bassington Beach, and I found 33 of them were young white fish, which I confiscated and sent to the Boys Home.---

The fish (33.) were caught in 2 1/2" ^{mesh} extension measure herring gill net; illegal for white fish.---

I have summonses issued for next Wednesday against Rollo, and Stoll.

I may here state for your information, that I was informed, this was not the first time these men broke this law, and it can be guarded against, by not setting these herring gill nets in this particular place in Lake Ontario, off B. beach, when the wind blows from the east.

And with due respect,

Hon. The Minister,
H. H. H.

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J.O.

Sat.

16. November 1898.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on the evening of the 11th instant, Mr. John Davis, Fish dealer, Hamilton, received a barrel of ^{fresh} White fish - from Messrs. Ainsley, & Allan - Pound Net, fishermen at Monticoke, Lake Erie.

And on the 12th Mr. R. W. Bates, Fish dealer, Hamilton received a barrel of fresh White fish from the same firm.

It is a well known fact, that those Pound Nets in Lake Erie, were being fished all through the recent close season for White fish, &c. - And when the proprietors were spoken to on the subject, the reply was they were fishing for Herring.

The ^{present} close season for White fish, altho legally made by Regulation from 1st to the 10th of November inclusive, is very injurious and destructive to this valuable fish, as they never spawn during the period so let apart and fished. - Abundance of White fish in Hamilton market today, from above firm, with spawn running from them.

My great wish and desire is to have every one interested, go largely for the protection of White fish, and with due respect,

Yours sincerely,

I have &c,

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Thursday, 21. Nov: 1898. -

* At bus: Bridge, Queeston - and Niagara, - stopped for 2 hours at Queeston - thence on - arrived at Niagara at 4. p.m. - Miles 60. Ry 1.25 - 54 B. # 2.00, dinner 25, found Mr. Thos. Elliot hauling when I got there. He had 86. Herring, and 18. White fish in the haul made besides a Cat fish, - and lot of suckers, -

Friday 22. Nov: 1898.

* At Niagara - before Mr. Kerby, J. Jr. - see my report of 23rd instant. Gave orders to Mr. Elliot to fish no Seine under a three inch mesh, for Herring - thence to St. Catharine and home. - Stage fare 75¢. breakfast, bed and dinner # 1.00 - Ry. fare and bus fare # 1.60 - Express Charges (1.25) - ³⁰ 3 35. Street Car Ry 10¢ - Miles 50. - ¹⁰ 3.45

Express Charges 1.25

My dear Sir.

16. November 1878. -

The morning after you receive this, will you be pleased to start on foot with your gun and dog, early, down the River Credit, from Streetsville to Springfield. Examine closely for Salmon beds, and Salmon and see if any traps or nets, or boxes are set in the River at any place.

I reported the matter in hand about your Salmon on my return here to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, but I have had no reply as yet; Keep a good look out and careful watch - as I have been assured a good many Salmon are in the Credit R.C. - please keep a memorandum for me of all you see and hear about Salmon and with my best wishes.

Thomas Harris Esq.
Hotel Keeper
Streetsville

Yrs Sincerely -
John W. Kerr Esq.

Sir.

16. November 1878.

I have the honor to renew my application to you of the 11th May last, for that a license be now issued to Mr Richard Gilbert, for Seine hauling in the 16. Mile (Credit) fork and in Lake Ontario in front of the same Township of Louth. . .

I presume this License has been overlooked, in the multifarious other business on hand
And with due respect

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

Esq.

Mr. Minister,
Ottawa

Tuesday, 26. November 1878.

At S. Bridge, and Niagara, found all regular. -
Mr Thomas Elliot having put a three inch mesh net in Seine - as per authority dated 11. April 1877, went out at 4. p.m. came in at 8. p.m. - Hills 60. 44 B. 1. By Jara \$2.00 of Sea and bed 50¢.

Wednesday 27. Nov. 1878. -

At Niagara, all day; - saw Wm Kerby Esq. J. p. he paid me \$2. fine - 1/2 imposed on J. Elliot & Co. saw Mayor Pafford, who promised to contribute to fish breeding house, there; also consulted with Mr Kerby on fish caught in American waters breakfast, dinner, tea and bed \$1. -

also told Joe Maister the bags his Seine nets were to be . . .

21. November 1878.

I have the honor to send you some information that on Monday morning at Niagara, before Wm. Kerby Esq. & J. M. at 9 o'clock a.m. - I have Thomas Elliot, Thomas Moss, Licensees of the River fishing there, and Wm. Shurt and Robert Reid, which formed the crew, fined three dollars each, including costs, for catching white fish in a Herring seine with a center containing meshes of only two inches extension measure. . . .

The fines were instantly paid; and I gave orders that no seines with meshes under three inches could or would be allowed to be fished for Herring any more thereby letting herring seines of a smaller sized mesh, at rest for all time to come, in my division, and which I hope will meet your approval. -

I sent a small box of the white fish caught on this occasion for Mr. W. J. Whitely inspection, by Express, last evening on my return here from Niagara. -

I may in conclusion add - that from close observation made by me during this fishing season, young white fish of the size I sent Mr. Whitely, and smaller sizes are greatly on the increase. . . a small mesh seine will always protect them where fished for Herring, and will never catch white Herring. -

And with due respect

Yours

The Minister.

I have &c.

John W. Kerr
J.O.

Telegraphs 75.

Postages 50.

Telegraph 37 1/2 37 1/2

Thursday, 28. Nov: 1878. -

at Niagara S. Bridge and Home, went out 8.30 a.m. came in at 2.30 p.m. - Miles 60. -

Ry fare \$2, breakfast and dinner 50¢ 14¢ B. \$1. other expenses \$1. -

John Bolton, very much dissatisfied about H. River fishing, and wanting it to be divided. - C. & J. Bolton - have put up a new boat house 16x24 ft. on the 2nd. Thos. Elliot and Thos. Moss fishing limits on a chain, which they complained of, requesting me to lay the same before the fishing department. -

22. Nov: 1878. -

With reference to my verbal orders given to you today for your future guidance, and all the other line hauling fishermen, fishing in the River and Lake, in the Town and Town-ship of Niagara. - -

I beg now to submit my authority to you in writing to the fishermen in the future and do not violate the same as granted. - -

I find on examining my letter book, that I have done this before by Telegram to you, and by reading the sanction of the department to all fishermen. - -

Yrs. respecfully.
Wm. H. Smith
Niagara.

Yrs. respecfully.
Wm. H. Smith
N.Y.

Here follows: Copy. -

My dear Sir,

Your Telegram received. I will be with you on Tuesday evening - if possible - but if not on Wednesday. - - I have two girls here on Tuesday morning. For catching White fish during close season. - Kind regards to all. -

Yours truly
Wm. H. Smith
N.Y.

Wm. H. Smith
Niagara.

23. Nov: 1878.

P.S. - I have all your witnesses ready.
D. W. Kim

March 17 1878

I want to rent the fifteen ponds if it is not leased, you tell me the ^{lowest} you will let me have it for and if I can spare my frostfish nets out in this let it go cheap as you can

and at once
David Tyson
Beamsville

private.

My dear Wilmut.

Magistrate here, has I understand ^{written} to you to define for him the term, the young of white fish as per Section 9. of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act. ---

I have had a case up against two men on B. Bel for catching 33, small white fish in a herring gill net of 2 1/2 inches extension measure, whereas gill nets for catching white fish should be 5 inches extension measure. ---

The white fish (33,) caught in this case were about the size of a blue back herring, say about half of a pound weight, too small to be caught in the legal sized mesh of 5 inches extension measure. ---

I do not think that the sized white fish above described are yet come to maturity, consequently are not become as yet spawning fish. Therefore I believe they come under the denomination of the young of white fish, as per sub section 9. of Section 13. of the Fisheries Act. ---

Under ordinary cases, these people would not be prosecuted, but they made a business of catching them during the close season, which is between the 1st and the 10th of November inclusive. ---

As I believe you have heard; and altho. I may not be able to convict for the latter offence, I am myself the prosecutor for the 33 white fish I found in their possession on the 15th instant, and hence the cause of Mr. Cahill, writing to you for information sought.

Samuel Wilmut Esq
Newcastle

John W. Kerr
F.O.
26. Nov 1878.

Postage 50¢

Ex.

29. Nov. 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that the Heron fishing in the Niagara River, at Lewiston, this fall, has been very good. And on the American side of the River at Lewiston, it is very good also, so that large supplies of fish have been sent to Canada at Lewiston, paying $17\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent duties there, as it has been informed.

It appears from a conversation, I have had on Wednesday last with Mr. Kelly, Esq., J. P., the Customs Officer - Niagara; that John Kollen fisherman, Niagara; has got it into his head - "God is always planning how he can catch fish and make the fisheries act?" that by entering all the fish caught by him in American waters Lake Ontario, at Niagara, in the Customs - paying $17\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent - the dollar, he can fish all thro' the close seasons, for bass, pickerel and white fish, setting the fisheries act, at defiance.

Mr. Kelly, has informed me that he has written to you on the subject, so that measures may be adopted to prevent the Customs, and fisheries laws, from clashing.

John and Charles Bolton, always require to be handled with the tight rein, and strict letter of law.

Particularly as white fish are now becoming so numerous, during close season only half grown and large at our Fisheries Act, rules and regulations.

Yours sincerely

I Have V.

John W. Kerr

To.

Saturday. 30th Nov: 1878.

At the Police Court, cases adjourned will not come up before Sunday next. - Went out at 8. A.M. Came in at 4. P.M. - Expenses $\$4.00$

My dear friend Jordan,

I am daily awaiting for your report, also your bills; please let me have these things immediately, as I want to send away the latter end of this week, and get you, your money.

Did many Salmon get over the dam? - How many, if any were stolen or taken from the beds, and with kind regards to

Yrs sincerely

John W. Kerr

To.

2 Dec: 1878

John Jordan Esq. Dr.
Huffman Creek

29, November 1872,

I have been informed that Mr. R. R. Waddell, Solicitor, Hamilton, has applied, and is about to get, or has got from the Provincial Government at Toronto, a patent from the Crown of about eight acres of land on B. beach, belonging to the heirs of the late John Martin. - - -

This & Co. includes the fishing reserve of one chain compassed in fishing station No. 12, in L. Ontario, on B. beach, respected by the lease given by the Local Govt to the Corporation of Hamilton, and where fishing has been for many years past, and is now being at present carried on under license by Thomas Martin, son of the late John Martin, who lives at present on the premises. - - -

My reference to Brownjohn's map of B. Beach, made by him, for the Corporation of Hamilton, a copy of which I sent to the department, you will be pleased to find on reference thereto, the one chain reserve for fishing purposes marked thereon in red, and the lease to the Corporation by the Local Govt makes reference to the fishing reserve of one chain on the Bay, and the Lake sides of B. beach, and as per plan herein attached to. - - -

I hope therefore that you will be pleased to write to the Hon. The Minister of Crown Lands, Province of Ontario, at Toronto, and prevent all and every part and parcel of the fishing reserve of one chain on the Bay, and Lake, situated on B. beach, becoming the property of private individuals for "speculative purposes". - - -

I make this application and report to you in behalf of, and for the protection of the fishing reserve there, as several patents, are being applied for, by individuals owning property on B. Beach, under a 99 years lease from the Corporation aforesaid.

I strongly recommend the matter for your immediate consideration, so that by your interference the fishing reserve on B. beach, may be henceforth respected, and remain intact. - - -

Little at present all that fishing in B. Bay, has been stopped by your order, and I hope you will see in your wisdom, that it is still left, and proper means thereto, to prevent these fishing reserves of one chain, being disposed of, by sale or otherwise, and with due respect,

Yours faithfully,
Hon. Minister

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
S.O.

Sir,

29. November 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for permission to lay off two seine hauling grounds in the Niagara River: One to be established east of James Longhurst's ground at the Ferry, - and to extend as far down the River as Cleve's ferry; the same to be fished with a River Seine - not to exceed 100 yards. - -

The other seine hauling ground, to be below the Ferry, and extending down to the Harbour at Niagara, and to be also fished with a River Seine of 100 yards. -

I do not think these seine hauling grounds will interfere with the fishing of existing seine hauling grounds, which must be respected, and not be encroached upon.

The same to come into operation on the 1st day of January next.

All of which, I beg most respectfully to submit for your consideration and approval, bringing under your notice, that the seines shall have 3" mesh (meshes), centres; the balance of the seines to be over that size. -

I Have &c.

John W. Elliot

D. A.

Hon: Minister

Sir,

29. Nov: 1878.

I have the honor to report to you that John Bolton, and his brother Chas: Bolton, have constructed a Boat House, on the Fishery Reserve of one chain, situated in front of Messrs Thomas Elliot and Thomas Elliot & Coys - Licensed Fishery River Ground - Niagara, against their will and Consent. - This boat house is 16 x 24 feet, and filled with boats not used for fishing purposes by licensed fishermen. - -

John Bolton seine hauling ground is at the two mile Creek; but he presumes I understand, that having built this boat house, he may succeed in getting a portion of the Niagara River Fishery.

He and his brother have so built this House, as to Crowd Thos: Elliot, one of the licensees off the ground and his just rights. I have advised Elliot and Elliot to bring the Boltons before W^m Kirby Esq^r J. P. for a Malicious Prosecution, as directed by you last summer. -

I Have &c.

John W. Elliot

D. A.

Hon: Minister

Sir,

2. December 1878.

I have the honor to apply to you for one Hundred Blank - Complaints - "papers".

I find I omitted asking you for these blanks when I made an application recently, for all the other blanks which I have since received. -

I Have &c.

Hon: Minister,
Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr
D.O.

Sir,

4. Dec: 1878.

I have the honor to report that Mr. John D. Irwin, the American Express Agent, Toronto, a warm good friend of the Fisheries at all times, particularly during close seasons, for fish and game, wants from the department, the import-
ant information, which he seeks in the attached telegraph, and letter from G. Cheney, Agent of American Express Company, Detroit.

Will you be pleased to answer Mr. J. D. Irwin, at Toronto, direct, and much obliged.

I have &c.

Hon: Minister, Y.
Y. Y.

John W. Kerr
D.O.

Tuesday, 3rd Dec: 1878. -

at the Police Court see my report of 4. December instant, thence home and back the Bay at Railway depot and Heights - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 12.30. a. m. instant, N.Y.B. 2.00, Boat hire 25¢, Telegraph 38¢, paper 20¢ postage stamps 30¢, Miles about 20. - C. J. Kerr with me. - - -

Telegraph 38¢ X
paper 20¢ X
postage 30¢ X

My dear Sir,

4. Dec. 1878.

Mr James C. Tuttle, complains to me of some man whom I suppose to be Black John Alfond, a gentleman, for fishing an illegal seine in the Niagara River, —

As Mr John Alfond has, and I suppose is fishing on a portion of your leased land having ground —

Will you be pleased to inform Mr John Alfond, that he must at once conform with the Act. The Minister orders, by providing a seine the centre of which shall have three inches extension measure. — And the wings of the seine must not be more than three inches and any other part of the seine he fishes. —

It would be much more like the thing, if the wings were 3 1/2 inches extension measure. The centre of the seine 3 inches extension and so must comply to be made.

This must be done at once.

Yrs Truly
Mr Thos Elliott
Niagara,

John W. Kerr
N.Y.

Friday, 6. December 1878. —

On 15. Dec. Richard Gange, paid me \$4.50. Mrs. Sherburne, paid me \$4.50. Ben. Jones paid me \$4.10, and I received \$4.40 from Isaac Durham of Grimsby. — License fees for the year 1878. — Heard from Mrs. Richard Gange — that David Hitch. had also caught small white fish, went out at 8.30. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. — fishes 26. \$4. & \$2.50. including tolls, dinner for Charles and myself, 50¢. —

John W. Kerr

Sir,

6. December 1878. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, the application of the Messrs Thomas Elliot, and Thomas Elloir, Licensed fishermen in the Niagara River, Town of Niagara; asking me to have the Boat House and Keels erected on the Chain reserve on the River, of their fishery by Messrs John and Charles Bolton removed. Please refer to my former letters on this subject, dated 13. October, 29. October, and 14. November 1877 and your reply, particularly to my last letter dated 30. of November 1877, - mentioning me - I have - while not much you are so interested. You will please take the necessary steps in the matter! -

And I also refer you to my last letter on the subject, dated 29. November last. -

Charles Bolton, has never been a licensed fisherman, merely fishes for, and with his brother John Bolton; - they are both men very overbearing and intemperate in their conduct towards Miss Elliot and Elloir who are quiet, mild mannered men. Their manner and demeanour towards all

I most respectfully submit this case, for your consideration and you will please now advise me, what I am to do in the premises: - and with due respect,

Yours sincerely

I have &c.

John Bolton -

J.C.

Here follows Elliot and Elloir's application -

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Thursday, 12. December 1878.

At Port Arthur, Springfield, and Chateauville, see my reports of 14. Dec, instant, went out at 8.30. a.m. Came in at 6. p.m. Miles 45. -

My fare 95¢ Stags fare 50¢ dinner, tea and bed 75¢ 14. Dec. 1878. - 11 3.10. Telegraph 22¢ 27¢

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Dear Sir,

7, December 1878.

I have the honor to send you herewith, No. 235, for the sum of twenty five dollars. —

Would you be pleased to apply the amount for the current year as follows;

1. Mr. John D. Lusk — For boat license to fish bass and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario off N. beach, received and deliv. — 5.00

2. Mrs. John D. Lusk — For boat license to fish bass and Herring gill nets in ditto, received and deliv. — 5.00.

3. Ben. Lusk — For boat license to fish bass and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, off N. beach, received and deliv. — 10.00.

4. John D. Lusk, Jr. — For boat license to fish 100 yards of bass gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of lot 4 in the port Conception of Grimsby. — This license was not entered with a license already given to John D. Lusk, Sr. at Grimsby, Va, because of the latter being issued about 4 miles from shore. — 5 miles further out than the Grimsby license, he was application No. 2, 23 July 1878. — 2.00.

Total. 24.00.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Lusk

John D. Lusk
Jr.

Friday 13, Dec 1878. —

At Streetsville, Springfield, Port Credit, and Hamilton — see my reports of 14th instant, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. while about 46, — \$14.00. Breakfast and dinner 50¢. Railway fare 1.00.

Saturday 14, December 1878.

At Streetsville getting up very early, and going in about 10 o'clock. For particulars see pocket memorandum. Took train at 8.30 a.m. came in at 5.30 p.m. — Paid 14.00. Ry. fare 1.00. Stage 25¢ dinner 25¢. No. 11. 1.00.

14.

14. Dec 1878,

I have to report, that I could not yet, obtain sufficient proof against George Howard, and others, as per my report to you, dated 13. November last. For hunting and endeavouring to kill Salmon in the River Credit, early in the month of November last. --

I heard George Howard, who is one of the Councillors of Strathville, -- a village of about 550, inhabitants -- spent the greater part of a day with a spear, and double barrel gun, on the River, endeavouring to kill a Salmon. -- And I heard of two shots being fired at a Salmon while attempting to get over Goodshams Mill dam -- Strathville. --

I saw Howard and spoke to him, about his conduct in this respect, and I would respectfully solicit your advice, as regards him. --

A very large Salmon, came over Goodshams dam, on the 12th instant, before I arrived at Strathville, and another was seen up the Credit from the same day, on the edge of the River apparently guided out, but escaped into deep water. --

And with due respect

Yours,

John W. Kerr

J.W.K.

Tuesday, 17. Dec: 1878. --

On B. beach, to make enquiries if any small white fish are being accidentally caught in basin gill nets.

Report is -- None. Went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. Miles 26. \$44 butler 1.50. dinner 50¢. -- C. J. K.

Wednesday 18. Dec: 1878,

at S. Bridge and Niagara, found all regular went out at 3. p.m. came in at 8.20 p.m. Miles 60. \$44 B. 1.00. Tea and bed 50¢ My fare \$1.75

The petition of the Undersigned
shumbly sheweth:

That your petitioners
is desirous of obtaining that portion of the fishing privilege
lying between Windmill point, and Point Abino on Lake
Erie for pound fishing.

That your petitioners is a British Born Subject,
and brought up in Canada. —

And your petitioners, will as in duty bound
ever pray. —

John W. Ranney.

The Hon^{ble}
Minister of Fisheries
Ottawa.

Port Erie Onto.

13. Dec: 1878.

Set.

13. Dec: 1878.

I have the honor to submit, and I beg most respect-
fully to recommend for your consideration the petition of Mr.
John W. Ranney a resident of Port Erie township of Bertie, in
County of Welland, praying that you will be pleased to grant
him a special license to fish pound nets in Lake Erie be-
tween Windmill point and Point Abino situated in
the township of Bertie County of Welland.

I may in conclusion state that I have much plea-
sure in recommending that the same may be granted
from the 1st of January next 1879, at the rate of \$60
per annum subject as a matter of course
to all the requirements of the Act, the Regulation in Council
and Order from time to time of the Hon. The Minister.

I may say that Mr. Ranney who has called on
me personally is well skilled in preserving and curing
fish, having returned home to aid in the National Policy.
He is highly recommended to the Hon. The Minister
which testimonial from Mr. E. W. Bunting, M. P. for
Welland, I beg also to submit for your personal and
consideration in connection with the case.

Hon: Minister
Y. Y. Y.

I Have &c
Edw. H. Lee
E.O.

Sir,

16, December 1878.

I enclose the bills to send you herewith, the receipts in duplicate amounting to \$175.00, which I require to pay up the Guardians engaged to protect the spawning ground Salmon, this last fall; and which I have much pleasure in submitting to you for consideration and settlement.

Immediately after the great freshet in the Salmon River last September, Salmon came up the same, and up the banks, particularly where mill dams that barred the river were carried away, showing the urgent necessity there is, for having fishways immediately constructed, and more particularly in River & ...

I believe the duty of the Guardians, in almost all instances, was well done.

1. James G. Wilcox, Guardian, River Creek (Lytas)	\$10.00
2. Thomas Harris, do, do, do	20.00
3. Joseph Moon, do, do, do	10.00
4. Henry Moon, do, do, do	25.00
5. John Woodcock, do, do, do	20.00
6. John Jordan, do, do, do	50.00
7. W. H. Jordan, do, do, do	40.00

Total \$175.00

all of which is respectfully submitted.

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The ...

Hace ...

John ...

No.

Thursday, 19. Dec: 1878.

at Niagara, and Iroquois, and back to Niagara again, getting up my fishing tackle for 1878. - Went out at 8.30 a.m. came in at 4 p.m. Miles 18. \$4.00. 1.50 By gas \$0.25, dinner, back out tea and back \$1.00.

Friday 20. Dec: 1878.

at Niagara, Port Dalhousie, Jordan, Clinton, Massena and finally getting up my fishing gear for 1878. - \$4.00. 1.50, Dinner \$2.00, Breakfast and dinner \$0.50. Miles about 50. - By gas paid 3.00 license fee.

Sunday, 22, Dec: 1878.

at Mayb, - when persons were reported to me, to be fishing, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 2 p.m. - Miles 12. \$4.00. 1.50

H. K. ...

let,

14 November 1892.

I have the honor to receive from you a copy of the 6th Nov. 1892 report dated November 11th, 1892, in answer to my complaint of the 11th November last, made against Messrs. Ainsley, and Allen, of Port Dover, Ontario.

And what officer Mr. Bingham has done I have to say, admits, and states unambiguously. The officer has committed an error in the case, and if you will be pleased to instruct Mr. Bingham to enforce a fine against the persons who committed the offence in violation of the Fisheries Act, and confiscate the fish, which under the law is imperative, please refer to sub-section 14, of Section 13, which looked it appears by Mr. Bingham. . . .

I may have added to my report, in connection with this case, that Mr. Ainsley of Port Dover, one of the partners in this contravention of the Fisheries Act (see sub-section 3, of section 13), was on the 11th of November, on Saturday the 9th of November, when Mr. John Davis, Fish Dealer, there, introduced me to him, and we conversed together. - And of course, I may here state that I have known Mr. Ainsley, and his father of Port Dover, for several years past, who are highly respectable people. - Since I learned from Mr. Davis subsequent to the introduction that Ainsley was to send Mr. D. White Fish on Monday following, the 11th of November - Mr. Davis, and I, discussed the matter, and we came to the conclusion in our own minds, that if he did so, he would be guilty of a contravention of the Fisheries Act, and you will now please observe that I was right in my conclusion. . . .

Hartsville is about 7 miles from Port Dover (east) down the Lake, and 7 miles back again up Port Dover, is about 33 miles from Hamilton, with a Railway Train running daily there, and at least each way. There is also a daily train to Seneca in the west. - The barrel of White Fish came to Hamilton by the Evening Train, on the 11th November, and when it arrived, but that many other dealers of Messrs. Ainsley and Allen collected a barrel of White Fish, and many of the residents of Port Dover, their daily supply. . . .

Incidentally the barrel of White Fish, was illegally caught, and admitted to be caught, and fished for, between the hours of 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, and 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning, which is a standing close season for all kinds of fish, and especially so, in cases of Pound Abate, -

Mr. Bingham says: And at three o'clock on Sunday night they went out to two ponds - lowered the fences, and on Monday morning lifted them, catching about a barrel of White Fish, and shipped to Hamilton.

the same day. - conclusively proving my consent,
to be honest, personally, I meanly serve to enforce
the above. - with due respect

I have

The Hon

the Minister

O.

Sir,

17. Dec. 1878.

I am the honor to send you herewith Bank
draft, No: 125, for the sum of Twenty dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount
as follows: for last year 1877. -

1. Wm. Dugless, Bronte - Boat License - Lake Ontario, in
front of the Township of Nelson - amount paid. \$ 5.00

2. Thomas, Martin, B. Beach, License for Sevin
hauling ground in L.S. on B. Beach - money re-
ceived and delivered for 1878. 10.00

3. Messrs John Barry & S. Grant, for License to fish
on Station No. 4, in B. Bay, on B. Beach - received
and delivered for year 1878. 5.00

Total, \$ 20.00

Will you be pleased to send me about fifteen for
Cure to you, for Wm. Dugless, Bronte - for 3.50
yards of net and white fish gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in
front of the Township of Nelson - a sum of \$5, which
will be for the year 1878. -

Yours faithfully

I have

John Barry

O.

Sir,

18. Dec. 1878.

I have the honor to recommend that you will
be pleased to make the salary of Mr. W. H. Bennett
for the 12, on 16, since 1878; fifty
dollars per year; instead of \$30, which he has pre-
sented 1878. -

What a little old man (60 years) he is active
and energetic, and has afforded me a good deal of
algebra and useful information on his ap-
pearance. He is a regular. -

With all respects, the late all for, for that, I
expressly highly of him. -

With due respect

I have

John Barry

O.

Yours faithfully

16. December 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information, that the
 fisherman of No. 10, is a fisherman, is indeed the place to find
 by in consequence of the illness of his wife and the illness of his children,
 besides he is a doctor himself. . . .

This next license for this year is \$2.00, which he is not able to
 pay I can inform you. . . .

Will you be pleased to permit him to fish on without
 payment being made, the same as you have permitted Mr. King
 and John Thibault, the women and fisherman on No. 10, which, who got
 from this permit on a Senate seat. . . .

I strongly recommend this case to your beautiful consideration,
 and pay! and you will please grant him the privilege you give
 him. . . . And with much respect,

I remain &c.

John Kerr

S.O.

The Hon. Mr.
 The Minister,

16. December 1878.

In consequence of the fisherman on No. 10, is
 an Lake Ontario, being a fisherman this season. . . . I should
 do not to catch fish or injure small young white fish
 which are numerous. . . .

I have the honor to recommend that the following
 fisherman's license be, as set forth, opposite their names,
 for this current year, license and gift not included. . . .

1. David Fitch, -	for year 1878. -	5.00 paid.
2. John Duffie.	do. . . .	5.00 paid. 2.50.
3. Rev. Golds. -	do. . . .	10.00 paid.
4. E. K. King.	do. . . .	5.00 paid.

and with much respect,

I remain &c.

John Kerr

S.O.

The Hon. Mr.
 The Minister,

My dear Sir,

I have had a letter from the
 Fishery Department, and I must insist on your
 sending me your license for on receipt
 1878.

Wm. J. Goyer,
 Wm. J. Goyer,
 and Wm. J. Goyer
 Fisherman Toronto

Yrs. truly

John Kerr

S.O.

Hamilton, Ont.

23 Dec 1878.

My dear Sir,

Immediate. 30.004

Your petition to license Sam fishing at Fort Erie, on Niagara River, has been granted by the Hon. the Minister, upon my recommendation. -

Please send me on receipt the usual annual license fee of 30, and I will send to Ottawa, and get up your license for the year. -

With kind regards to your wife, and many happy returns of the season, believe me
Yrs sincerely
John W. Mearns

Bellevue, Victoria,
and Charles A. Harris.
Fisherman,
Fort Erie.

21 Dec. 1878

Private

21 Dec. 1878.

My dear Sir,

Ascertained immediately from Mr. John W. Mearns, of Fort Erie how many pounds of fish he desires to set in Lake Erie between Windsor and Point Abino, and let me know at once for the information of the Hon. the Minister. - Your petition for Harris, and see it has been granted, and with my kind regards,

Eden left
Fort Erie
on 15

Yrs sincerely
John W. Mearns
J.W.

It was day! - 1878. -

Long letter to Longhurst, Niagara - enclosed to Thomas Elliot for him.

John W. Mearns
J.W.

Friday 24th Dec: 1878.

At Winona getting up Annual Returns, found all regular went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5, p.m. Miles 30. H & S - 2.00 - dinner 50¢ Tolls 1.50

My dear Sir,
 I send your humble letter by express to day,
 for your signature. Please sign your name in ink, in 2,
 please when I have found that you have - You need
 not send it away until the last day of the month.
 With many happy returns of the season believe
 me very truly Yours,
 John W. Kerr
 J. W. Kerr Esq.
 21, Queen's Quay
 Port Huron, Mich.
 B. O., 21, Mar, 1894.

My dear John,
 In your report of salmon in Haffin
 Creek, last year, you omitted to state how many salmon
 were there. -
 Please let me have the number, and several
 places, where you observed them.
 I am expecting your cheques daily, I hope
 you are in good luck, dreadful weather, cold and
 picking up the snow, but I hope to see you high.
 With my kind regards and respects, and
 wishing you many happy returns of the season,
 believe me,
 Yours sincerely,
 John W. Kerr
 John W. Kerr Esq.
 21, Queen's Quay
 Port Huron, Mich.
 B. O., 21, Mar, 1894.

P.S. I am sadly informed that salmon in quantity
 were seen the day in the Bay of St. Lawrence
 last, what say you to this? J. W. Kerr

How He Fell. - The other day Mr. J. W. Kerr, Fishery Overseer for Ontario, visited Toronto in order to receive the returns necessary to be made by fishermen at this season of the year. After crossing to the Island, and seeing that all was right about Gibraltar Point, Mr. Kerr thought, as the day was fine, and the ice was inviting, that he would walk across to the city, but herein he forgot that years had deprived him of that suppleness which is the salvation of youth on such dangerous footing. He had proceeded about a hundred yards from the shore when both feet passed from under him and he landed on his back on the ice, seeing more stars in a few moments than he supposed could possibly be stowed away in the firmament. Simultaneously with his tumble the ice cracked for a distance of about half a mile, the reports resembling very much the discharge of a park of artillery, the water gushing up in considerable quantity, and causing those who were disposed to laugh at the Overseer's mishap to slide for the shore at their best speed. A boy, however, remained in the vicinity and to him Mr. K. appealed to signal an ice-boat so that that he could secure a passage across. The boy looked at Mr. K. for a moment, and then replied, "I guess not, Mister, there's too much water and cracking round yer for this chicken to go there." Mr. Kerr managed to recover his hat, walking-cane, muffler and other "dunnage," and hoisting his scarf on the end of his stick brought those in the ice-boat to his assistance, when he reached the metropolis without further mishap.

FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE. - At ten o'clock this forenoon, Wm. Drever, Richard Yalden and Robert Hamilton, were charged with fishing without license, in contravention of the Fishery Act. The Inspector, Mr. Kerr, surprised them in Burlington Bay. They were fined \$2 each and costs.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find here =
with, post office order, No: 812, for the sum of \$9.954, allow-
ance I obtained for you as horse hire. - -

The sum granted was \$10, but I paid 54, for
the order. - -

I sent your return to you today, and if you
have any more news about the Salmon, let me hear
from you. - Whether or no write me. -

James J. Wilcox Esq
J. Oversee,
Port Credit.

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr
J. Oversee,
26. Dec: 1878. -

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find here =
with, post office order No: 819, for the sum of \$19.904,
allowed you for services in protecting the Salmon
in River Credit, about Streetsville. - -

The sum granted was \$20, but I paid 104,
for the order. - -

If you have any further news about the
Salmon, let me hear from you - Still continue to keep
a good look out for Salmon and Speckled Trout,
write on receipt, many happy returns of the sea-
son. - -

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr,

J. O.

26. Dec: 1878.

Thos. Harris Esq
Streetsville
Hotel Keeper

any thing I hear about
Howard,

J. W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find
herewith, post office order, No: 820, for the sum of
\$9.954, allowed you, for services in keeping open the
mouth of Millard Creek, during Salmon season. - -

The sum granted was \$10, but I paid 54, for
the order. - -

If you have any thing to write me about
Salmon in Millard Creek, please do so on re-
ceipt. -

I enclose Henry's Order, and letter, with yours
herewith. - I wish you many happy returns of
the season. -

Joe Allen Esq
Port Union

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr

J. O.

26. Dec 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find herewith post office order, No. 821, for the sum of \$24.80, allowed you for services in protecting the Salmon last fall, in the Rouge. -

The sum granted was \$25, but I paid 20¢ for the order. -

I wish you many happy returns of the season. -

Yrs truly,
John W. Starr

Mr. Henry Moon,
Port Union.

J. W.
26. Dec. 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find herewith post office order, No. 828, for the sum of \$39.80, allowed you for protecting the Salmon last fall, in Duffin's Creek. -

The sum granted you was \$40, but I paid 20¢ for the order. -

With many happy returns of the season, and my kind regards. -

Yrs truly,
John W. Starr

Mr. H. W. Jordan,
Duffin's Creek,
Ont.

J. W.
26. Dec. 1878.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton,

Will you be pleased to find herewith post office order, No. 822, for the sum of \$49.70, allowed you, for services rendered in protecting the Salmon, in Duffin's Creek, for year 1878. -

The sum granted was \$50, but I paid 30¢ for the order. -

Have you any thing further to add about the Salmon, or that Mt. W. of your protection; always pleased to hear from you. -

John Jordan Esq. Sr.,
Duffin's Creek.

Yrs sincerely,
John W. Starr

J. W.
26. Dec. 1878.

Postages. 50¢

My dear Sir. Hamilton
 While you be pleased to find
 herewith, Post Office Order, No: 824, for the
 sum of \$19.90¢, allowed you for services ren-
 dered in protecting the Salmon last fall in
 Lyons Creek. -

The sum granted was \$20, but I paid
 10¢ for the order. -

I have you anything further to report, I
 wish you many happy returns of the sea-
 son. -

Yrs. Sincerely -
 John W. Kerr

Mr John Proudfoot
 Whithy, Ont.

26. Dec; 1878.

Sir. -

28. Dec: 1878. -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th
 instant, desiring to know how many Round Nets,
 Mr J. W. Ranney, desires to set between Blindwill point
 and Point Abino, Lake Erie. - - -

And in reply, Having just communicated with
 Mr Ranney on the subject. - I have the honor to report
 that he would like to get a license for fishing four
 pounds. -

Which will be at the rate of \$60. per pound.
 amount to the sum of \$240. - Year 1879.

I Have, &c.

Hon: Minister,
 & & &

John W. Kerr
 T.O.

Monday 30. Dec: 1878. -

Mr M. Meach, getting up my statistics, went out
 9. a. m, came in at 6.30. p. m, Miles 26. H4 C, 2.00
 dinner for two 50¢.

Jack Seale paid me 2.50, and Jon
 Corey paid me \$2.50¢ balance of \$5. each
 on the license for year 1878,

Sir,

28. Dec., 1878.

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, and in obedience to your instructions, I have the honor to apply to you - For a seine hauling license for the John Everett, of Port Erie, - to fish a seine of 150 yards long, in the Niagara River, that is to say; Between Gilmore Road, Port Erie, and Deceus Mills Township of Port Erie, down the River - distance about five miles, at the rate of \$30, for the year ending 31st of December 1879? -

And please insert a clause in the License, that the Licensees, shall not permit the set hook or long line fishermen, to catch bait, or set within his license limits, except they produce a License from the Fisheries Department.

The Hon^{ble}
The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa,

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
S.O.

Sir,

28. December 1878.

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant and in obedience to your instructions, I have the honor to apply to you, for a seine hauling license to fish a seine 100 yards long, in the Niagara River, at Port Erie; - that is to say, all south of the Gilmore Road, up the River as far as the Old Grand Trunk Pier; - say for a distance of about five miles. -

The same to be made out to Chester A. Harris, and John Harris, - of Port Erie; - rate 30, for the year ending 31st of December, 1879. -

And please insert a clause in the License that the Licensees, shall not permit the set hook and long line fishermen, to catch bait, or set within their license limits, except they produce a License from the Fisheries Department.

Hon^{ble} Minister,
H,
H,

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
S.O.

The Fishery Act.

Sometime ago an item appeared in our columns in reference to the case of two fishermen who were charged with netting young whitefish contrary to the Act. For the defence it was urged that catching such fish with a legal net could not be avoided sometimes. The Police Magistrate and Inspector Kerr then communicated with the Department and received the following reply, which seems to definitely settle the question: -

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,
FISHERIES BRANCH, OTTAWA,
December 18, 1878.

SIR, - Regarding prosecutions for catching, killing, selling or possessing young white fish, you will rigorously enforce the law. If the fines be an insufficient penalty, confiscate the fishing materials, as by the law directed, and report the licenses with which such abuse is practised for confiscation. If there be places where the fry so abound that quantities must inevitably be caught or killed, except these places specially in the licenses issued.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITMER,

For the Hon. the Min. of M. and F.
J. W. Kerr, Esq., Fishery Overseer, Hamilton.

January: 1st 1878. Wednesday. --

At Toronto, and the Island. -- getting up annual Returns,
Heard that Wm. Wooller, was fishing pike gill nets under
the ice, in Ashbridges Bay. --

Went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. ⁴/₂
Miles 90. -- 54 & 6 -- 1.50. Railway fare 2.00, dinner 25.

To Martin for blighting me across the ice. --
Had a bad fall on the ice when going to the Island. --

Sirs, I send you answer herewith to your
petition. -- Be pleased to read the same
for the edification of Misses John and Charles
Bolton, I am, Sir,
Yours obediently
John W. Starr
J. O.
4. Jan'y 1879.
Thos Elliot
and
Thos MacE
Fisherman
Knapton,

Hamilton,

My dear Sir,
Will you be so good as to let me
have your Return of all fish caught, during the
year ending the 31st day of December 1878. Just
ended. --
I hope you got up your Herring gill
nets all safe. --
Allow me to wish you the compliments
of the season, May Gods Blessings be all your
portion in this life, and for all time to come. --
My warm regards to you all. --
Yours sincerely,
John W. Starr
4. Jan'y 1879.
Mr John Hand
Grimsby.

Sir,

4. January 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith, account and diary of my actual disbursements for travel, and petty expenses while on active duty, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1878, amounting to, -

Add, John W. Kerr,	Voucher No. 1.	Telegraphs,	\$ 3.46,
" do. -	do. -	" 2. - Office Rent,	" 5.00.
" do. -	do. -	" 3. - Stationery, &c. -	" 0.75,
" do. -	do. -	" 4. - Postages, &c.	" 3.62,
" do. -	do. -	" 5. - Express Charges, -	" 3.40,
" Edward Kerr	do	" 6. Boatman, -	" 11.00,
" Rich Harrison,	do.	" 7. Constable. -	" 4.00
Total, \$ 180.65,			

In the discharge of my active duties, which it became necessary for the due performance of the same; you will please find that I travelled a distance of 158 miles; and I may here state that it was for the due observance of fishery laws, and the getting up my annual statistics, that I was compelled to do so. -

And with due respect

I have

Hon. Ministers,
Y. Y. Y.

John W. Kerr
J. O.

Express charges on Bag of fish
to the Commissioners, Ottawa,
6. White and 6 Black.

My dear Sir,

4. February 1879.

I am in receipt of your application, for a license to fish Hooks and Lines in the Ottawa River, from Frenchmans Creek to Stockdale's farm, say a distance of about half of a mile. You have permission herewith to fish Hooks and Lines in the River, as applied for, but I will endeavour to come down next week and try if I can so arrange it, with John Everett, so that you can fish a line. -

R. W. Kettle Esq
Port St. John,

Yours truly,
John W. Kerr
J. O.

Sir,

4. January 1879,

I have the honor to enclose to you Bank draft No: 265, for the sum of Seven dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount on account of Seine hauling ground in the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, Town of Niagara, same as last year. Send me License. --

The applicants are the old licensees, Mr. Thomas Blair, Thomas Blair, and John Alford, of the Town of Niagara. The annual License fee will be fifteen dollars. --

There are four short hauls on the ground in the River, and one at the old Fort.

The balance of the ground is in the Lake, and is inserted in the License, so that the Licensees under the power of the License may always be in a position to keep off intruding gill net fishermen, who would bar, and block up the approaches to the River. --

And with due respect
I have, &c.
John W. Kerr
F.O.

Tuesday, 14. January 1879. --
On B. beach, and B. bay, -- getting names of Men opening, went up to the Wharfages and had dinner, then up the River to the old Mill, where we got a good deal of fish. Home, and out at 9. A. M. came in at 5.30 p. m. all 30, all 30, all 30 of 2.00 f.

Monday, 20. January 1879. --
On B. bay -- all day -- collecting License fees, went out at 9. A. M. Came in at 6. p. m. all 30, all 30, all 30 of 2.00. Saw Hawk with me. dinner 50 c.

Ex. 2

14. Dec. 1898,

I have the honor to report to you in continuation of my former report of the 15th of November last, that on the 12th and 13th inst. at Strathville, in the Township of Toronto, and County of Peel, I had John Young, a boy of 13 years of age, brought before me, and who caught and killed a Salmon (a female fish) in the Credit River, on Sunday the 10th day of November last, and for having the same in his possession: Also I had Solomon Basler of the Township of Toronto, brought before me, for having been a participant of a portion of the said Salmon, after being caught on Sunday the 10th of November last. --

I also had John Wright of the Township of Toronto, brought before me for having a Salmon in his possession in the month of October 1897, which he caught in a trap in the Credit River, near his residence, and to which he pleaded guilty, but said that he found the fish dead on the flats. --

The boy said on observing the Salmon which appeared was injured, or in a weakly health, from some cause or other, than that of having spawned out, in the River below Goodshams Mill, Strathville, lying on the surface of the water, and pursued by a smaller fish, the smaller fish, I supposed to be a gill, of about 3¹/₂ pounds, which disappeared in deep water, while the large Salmon, waddled out on the stream on the surface at a curve in the River, when the boy, struck the fish on the head with a stone. -- The stream being very rapid here, forced the fish, after being hit with the stone, which stream totally disabled back again to the bank of the River, when the boy caught it, and threw out the fish on the bank with his hands, where a quantity of the eggs, perfectly ripe were found on the ground.

Sol: Basler, who happened to be at the boys residence, when he got home, cleaned the fish, which after being cleaned, weighed 8¹/₂ pounds. --

But when the boy the head and tail parts, taking the best part of the body for himself and so became liable to the law. -- I fined the boy John Young, Sol: Basler, and John Wright \$20, each, or 30 days each in Muncipal Prison. --

But under the circumstances of these cases, I respectfully beg leave to recommend that these fines be kept in abeyance, as a guarantee, that they will in future strictly obey the law.

See page 203. Contd.

14, January 1879,

I have the honor to report, that I have just had communication from J. W. Ramsey, Esq. of the Fish Commission, Quebec, so that he may begin to prepare the boats - get out the poles, &c, and build the houses, fish shanties, and make preparation in a general way. - -

Will you be pleased at your convenience to forward to me the license. For delivery. -

Hon. Minister.

I have &c,

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Sir.

21, January 1879,

I have the honor to report for your information, that today, John Davis fish dealer, here, received from Mr. R. B. Gordon, Wholesale Fish dealer - Montreal,

110 pounds of fresh speckled trout, which he reports to me, and has been since selling. - - The fish are very small; - I am taking twelve of them, to make one pound. - -

I would like to know if speckled trout, can be caught in Lower Canada or in the Province of Quebec, commencing on 1st of January. - -

If so, and the legal license given, that they were so caught, I presume these fish can be sold in the Province of Ontario, same as heretofore, - I merely ask for the information. -

I have &c,

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr

Y. Y. Y.

D. O.

Friday, 24, January 1879. -

At Toronto, by Horse and buggy. - Richard Joyce paid me, \$5, license fee for year 1878.

Wm. Engledew, and James Joyce, promised to send me their license fees. - Heard that John Van Fleet, caught a salmon, on a light line - he had set in the 12 Mile Creek - last spring; - went out at 8. A.M. - came in at 5. P.M. - Miles 40. - E. Kerr with me - dinner 50¢, St. and Cutter 2.00

Inhaled smoke, while looking at Joyce's smoked fish which injured me very much.

My dear Sir,
 I have received your letter of the 11th inst. regarding the
 which would be a great help to me in my work. I have
 I have also received from the other side a letter from
 the same person, saying that he is not interested in the
 matter. I am sorry to hear that, but I will try to
 get the matter settled as soon as possible. I am
 sure that you will be perfectly satisfied with the
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 that you will be perfectly satisfied with the result.
 And with kind regards,
 Yours truly,
 John W. Ramsey

Edw. A. [unclear]
 But [unclear]
 But [unclear]

Hamilton, Ontario.
 In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. regarding the
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 I have also received from the other side a letter from
 the same person, saying that he is not interested in the
 matter. I am sorry to hear that, but I will try to
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 The license for is \$240 dollars, which agrees to be
 paid to me at once, when I will deliver to you your
 license.

Wishing that pleasure and profit may be the
 mutual result to all concerned,
 I am, Sir, respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 John W. Ramsey Esq.
 But [unclear]
 18 January 1879.

My dear Sir,
 18 January 1879.
 Yours with \$30, enclosed, I just received, and I
 now send you your license, for year 1879. - And I sincerely
 hope that you will have good takes of fish this season.
 You will please observe by your license, that you will
 not permit the hook and long line fishermen, to catch bait,
 or set their long lines within your license limits any
 more. - And I hope you will take the earliest opportunity to
 stop it. And with my best respects to you and yours,
 I am, Sir, truly,
 Yours truly,
 John W. Ramsey

Be particular and keep an accurate list of all fish
 you catch, don't allow Young Warren or Young [unclear]
 to come back on your name any more.

Mr. John Everingham,
Fisherman,
Cashmere, Onto.

12. January 1879,

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to get for me, a Wild Levi Turkey Gobbler, on receipt, and send him by express to me in a box, and you shall have your price for him. - I have five hens, but no gobbler. -

It is a long time since I last saw you, and heard from you, how is fishing, I hope you get along well, and with my kind regards,

Yr. Svc.
John W. Stewart

On 25th January - paid back \$30. to Mr. D.

My dear Sir,

25. January 1879.

Will you be pleased to find your money herewith for year 1879. - Your money received today, and sent to Ottawa. -

And as I have had a good deal of trouble in getting back your License for you I hope you will in return help me to stop all illegal fishing within your licensed limits - as per the power given you by law and the third paragraph of your license. -

Stop but catching an Young Thomas from Lewis fishing - and with kind regards to your father and Mother &c. &c. Believe me

Yours, Sir

Mr. John Everingham,
Fisherman,

Do. & Co.

John W. Stewart
D. O.

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I have the honor to send you herewith a rough draft of an order for the sum of thirty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this year (1879) as follows:

1. Messrs. John and Thomas A. Lewis, for the building ground in the Wisconsin Hotel, at Chicago, for use as a residence and office. \$20.00
2. James Howard, for speaking in a series of lectures, 1st of January, 1879. \$1.00
3. Messrs. Howard, do do do \$1.00
4. do do Spencer do do do \$1.00
5. Henry Foster do do do \$1.00
6. Henry Howard do do do \$1.00
7. John Fowler do do do \$1.00
8. John Wadsworth do do do \$1.00
9. John Wadsworth, for a license to sell a tract in the Chicago Hotel, Wisconsin, in filling the town of No. 17, for the year 1878. \$3.00

Will you be pleased to send me the Chicago Hotel month's license for the year 1878. - I only received the money today; and please send me a license for the year 1879. - The amount for that year is \$3.00, and was paid on 12 Feb 1878, in shape No. 563.

Yours sincerely,
Chas. H. H. H.

I have &c
John Wadsworth

Friday, 31. January 1879.

On W. day, nearly all day, received 8.75 for speaking licenses, see letter of 1st February 1879. for \$10. sent the department. went out at 8.50 a.m. came in at 6 p.m., miles about 30. At 10.00 dinner for two 50¢.

A man drowned in H. Jordan's canal, Graham.
A man killed at Chicago Hotel.

21. January 1879.

I have the honor to report that have been received of Ducks, Geese, and Loos, and Loos, in the market of my children at present for sale, brought by the Railways from Bremen, Brunswick; and Portland - U.S. -

I have to.

The Hon.

The Hon.

The Hon.

John W. Kent,

D.O.

Sir: -

27. January 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No: 415. in the sum of Twelve dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for past year, and this present year. -
1. Richard Joyce Talote; For boat License in Lake Ontario for the last year 1878. - \$ 5.00 +

2. Messrs. Messrs. Black and boy, of Niagara, on a set of hunting grounds there, please send me license on receipt for 1879. - 3.00

3. - Wm. Bates, For spearing license in Burlington bay, and Dundas March, - up to 25th of April next, 1879. - 1.00

4. Daniel Stuffle - do, do, do, - 1.00

5. John Stuffle - do, do, do, - 1.00

6. John Stuffle - do, do, do, - 1.00

Total 12.00 +

Will you be pleased to send me Richard Joyce's Boat License for the present year. -

To be the same as last season. -

I have to

Hon. Minister

H. H.

John W. Kent

D.O.

Monday. 3. Feb: 1879.

at Merion, all night, saw Paddy Hand, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6.30. p. m. miles 32. My Va \$ 1.00 +

Sir,

27. January 1877.

I have the honor to receive your letter of 22nd inst. respecting the Speckled Trout, reported on by me as received by John Jones, Fish Dealer - Hamilton, from Mr. P. B. Jordan, Wholesale Dealer in Montreal. . . .

In reply I beg most respectfully to report that there was a small box of Speckled Trout with very fine fish there - under a quantity of - found and much of them about half - grown each. . . .

But there was a box of Speckled Trout, young fish, say of about 15 pounds weight, containing I think more than the larger Speckled Trout I got, - the largest which I have in cultivation in reporting to you as my opinion, that it is illegal to export fishes, &c. and I hope you will be pleased to give orders and a letter to Mr. P. B. Jordan accordingly, who is brother-in-law to Mr. Alex. Fraser, Fish Dealer, Montreal.

And you might deem it expedient to instruct the Fishery Office, in whose division these small young Speckled Trout are being caught, to visit the places, and stop the catching of them immediately. . . .

I am persuaded in my mind that this box of Speckled Trout comes under the full meaning of Section 15, Sub Section 2, as the young of Speckled Trout under the Fisheries Act. . . .

In future, I shall deem it incumbent upon me, and my duty to seize, confiscate, and give to some charitable institution, all young Speckled Trout I may again find hereafter in my division, come they from wherever they may. . . .

And I may add in conclusion that I have on reading your letter, and contemplating this case just discussed here it is that Speckled Trout are always so very small when caught by anglers in the Trout streams of my division. - It is true, that when caught they are always kept by the anglers instead of all the smaller young trout being put back again to grow larger, until they become larger. - Under the good best fish to be caught.

I remain with due respect,

Yours sincerely,

J. Jones to
John Jones

Unpublished, June 20.1. -

I have never seen a Salmon before. - Mr. [unclear] is an old Salmon fish - lives on lot 5, 4. Concession, Township of Toronto, - told me that about a week, after the great freshet in September last, which levelled mill dams, &c, he first observed the Salmon last fall, in the River Credit, on his own farm; - And a Mr. [unclear] near it and has seen them since on several occasions, but that he has never disturbed them, and that some of them spawned out at corners of his farm, that the fish are much darker in colour than in former years. - -

And that he knows every thing about the Law, as regards the Salmon, as setting waters of River Credit apart, &c. - And in no case will he ever become or molest them; I read for the person charged, and to a room full of other persons then present, the Regulation in Council, from the Canada Gazette, dated 26th October 1870. - setting the waters of the River Credit apart, &c. and also the different sections of the Fisheries Act, bearing on the same. - - And I feel satisfied the accused, and every one else at Streetsville, who then heard me will take warning. - -

I, however do hope that you will be pleased, while accepting, and acting upon my recommendation, mark your displeasure. - -

Now that Salmon are abundant in River Credit as to the disposition, and desire to kill these fish, not even barring Sunday in a river set apart, &c. &c. - and as to the consequences that is sure to follow, should a similar contravention of the F. Act, happen again. - -

And you will be pleased to have 50. Copies of a notice printed, and sent to me for posting up in the villages along the Credit to the same effect, and with due respect,

Hon^{ble} Minister
H. H. H.

Yours &c
John W. Kerr
J. W.

My dear Sir,

Yours received, containing the license fee of Fishing Station No. 17, in the Niagara River, for the past year of 1878, -

Will you be pleased to send your license for the years 1877 and 1878. -

Under Regulations, all Licenses fees require to be paid in advance; - Your license fee, for this year, 1879, is \$5.00, which I will apply for, and get your license for you immediately. - For Heaven's sake my friend John, keep away the Yankees from your attachment.

And with my warm regards

Yours Truly,

John W. Sturges

Mr John Wadsworth,
Fisherman,
Queenston
Ont.

27. January 1879.

Sir,

28. January 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 426, for the sum of Thirty four dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: as License fees, for this current season. -

1. John Everith, License to fish one seine in the Niagara River, between Gilmore Road, and Beevers Mill, Township of Wellbroughby: - License already received, and sent him this day. - \$ 30.00

2. Wm. Farr, For spearing license in B. bay, and Dundas Marsh, up to the 20th day of April next, 1.00.

3. James Farr, For spearing license do. do. 1.00.

4. Wm. H. Waterberry, For do. do. 1.00.

5. G. H. Wheeler, For do. do. 1.00.

Total, \$ 34.00

Wm. Minister, Jr.

I Have &c.
John W. Sturges
J. W.

Friday, 7th Feby 1879.

On B. bay, 113. fishing boxes thereon, Collected \$ 15.75, for spearing licenses - see my report, and draft \$ 40.00, dated 8. February 1879. -

Went out at 8. A. M. came in at 6.30. P. M.

Miles 30. 14 & B. 2.00. dinner for two 50¢

Sir,

1st February 1879,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft
 \$10: for the sum of Ten dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this sum as
 follows, for this current season. - - -

1. Ben: Brinkmore, For spearing license in the Haudas Marsh and M. bay, say up to 20 th of April next,				\$ 1.00
2. Chris: Steapel, For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
3. John Smoak, - For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
4. John Bates, - For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
5. Robert Johnson, For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
6. Mich: Bugarau, - For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
7. Charles Collier, For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
8. Geo: Wood, - For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
9. Wm Bayhame, - For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
10. Thos: Freeman, For do. do. do.				" 1.00.
Total,				\$ 10.00

Yours sincerely,
 Wm. W. W.
 Ottawa,

I Have Recd.
 John W. Kerr
 J. O.

Monday, 10th February 1879. -

At St. Catharines, and Niagara, found all regular,
 saw Alfred Ball, - about his fishing with Loughurst
 at the Laury, went out at 10, a.m. came in at 6.
 p.m. miles about 48, Ry \$1.25, Stage 50¢ dinner
 40, Tea and bed 50¢ Total 2.65,

Tuesday 11th Feb: 1879. -

At Niagara. Bus: Bridge and Fort Erie, up
 three miles on way to Ridgeway to see Mr.
 John W. Ramsey, - whom I met and returned to
 Fort Erie - thence to Black Rock, back and down
 the River to see John Everett, - arranged with him
 about Peter & Betty, and his brother George fishing
 in front of their own lot in the River - Town-
 ship Bertie, saw C. A. Harris house - thence
 back to Niagara - went out at 8 a.m. came
 in at 8.30 p.m. miles 66. Ry fare \$2, of
 breakfast dinner and tea - bed \$1. Ferry 20
 \$4.00 off 1. - Bus 15¢ Total 4.35

Sir,

28 October 1878

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant at once the petition of Messrs. Charles A. Brown and John S. Smith, of Fort Erie, fishermen, for the removal of the fishery laws, and for a good and which I am your personal knowledge and I am sure you will be strongly inclined to grant.

I am strongly convinced that you will be pleased to grant the petition of Messrs. Brown and Smith, of Fort Erie, fishermen, for the removal of the fishery laws, and for a good and which I am your personal knowledge and I am sure you will be strongly inclined to grant.

I am strongly convinced that the American Government is not in the habit of the American Government, because the waters of it, never observed on behalf of their fishermen, who since have fished there, the Agreement on their part, while the petitioners have obediently done so, to their great loss and injury, because ordered by you to that effect.

When I was consulted by you about this matter in your letter to me dated the 18th of June 1877, I felt no hesitation in stating facts, please refer to my reply dated 23rd of June 1877.

4th Whether it would be desirable for purposes of protection and in order to afford better inducements to sportsmen to close that (portion) part of Niagara River against all fishing, and allow angling therein.

My reply then was this!! In reply to No. 4. I beg most respectfully to repeat that I do not consider it advisable nor yet desirable for the purposes of protection, and in order to afford better inducements to sportsmen to close that part of the Niagara River, you refer to, as against all net fishing, and allow only angling therein, because from the facts, that for the four seasons, fished during legal seasons in the Niagara River, on the Canadian side of the River, within the bounds you have referred to there, are about 20 seines, besides other nets fished in American waters, on the American side of the River, during all seasons, and without any restrictions, nor regard to close seasons whatever, and which our fishermen do observe. These waters bring forth fish abundantly.

It is a great breeding place, and nursery for Lake Erie, besides set hooks, and long lines are numerous, fished therein, each year, during winter and spring; by Germans, French, Irish, English, Americans, and people of other nationalities, resident of the City of Buffalo and Black Rock, N.S. who are fishing for the Buffalo market, for pickled sturgeon, caviar, and use up the young fish by millions, as bait to catch the large fish market.

These men fish to make a living by supplying the inhabitants of the large city of Buffalo. . . .

To set the River apart for 3 years, would be advisable, and stop all kinds of fishing therein, during that period, but until an arrangement is made with the American Federal Government to such an effect, who! it is to be hoped would coincide with your views and carry them into effect, and operation on their part, I can see no earthly use, in attempting what you propose, as it would otherwise be so damaging to our fishermen &c. and their prospects in life. . . .

I may here state that I highly approve of your proposition, provided it would be carried out to the benefit of all persons concerned. . . .

You will please perceive, what an extensive portion of the Niagara River, there is, as referred to, by you already within the Canadian boundary of Niagara River, and where no angling nor fishing of any kind is now being carried on, either by fishermen nor sportsmen. . . .

I may say, that when I sent the above to you as my conviction, and facts, in reply to your Query, 18th 4, I felt satisfied, that I had set the matter at rest. -

You will please judge then of my surprise, when I received your Order in Council, - That the following regulation was adopted: -

"Fishing by means of seines or Nets of any description, be and is hereby prohibited in that part of the Niagara River, extending from the Falls, to the Old Fort, Fort Erie, in the Province of Ontario". -

According to the provisions of the Fisheries Act, my duty is to carry out the law, and your orders, and this I have carefully done, and I must add that the Fort Erie, Seine net fishermen, have up to this date strictly obeyed your order, in Council, while the American Seine Net fishermen, have never done so. - These seines are being now fished daily between the Queen City Mills, and Squaw Island, Black Rock, N.Y. say within the limit of one half mile. - I saw them there myself on Friday last. whilst their sportsmen are just as reckless, and they broke the law within our waters in catching bass during close season, - as I reported the facts to you at the time: "30, May 1878".

I hope under all the circumstances set forth by me, and the petition so plainly laid before you, that you

will be pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners, in
 cause I believe the petitioners are deserving of your munificence
 and kind consideration. --

I recommend the prayer of the petition being at
 once granted, and that you will be pleased to give a
 license to Messrs. Chester A. Harris, and John Harris, for
 seine hauling ground in the St. River, they recently held,
 and to Mr. John Switt, a similar license. --

And I may add, that the Americans the owners of the
 three seines referred to, commenced this fall, to seine herring fish,
 on the 10th of this month, and are now daily and nightly
 catching sterling and pickered, not to mention sundry kinds.

Pardon me for trespassing on your time, and with
 due respect.

Hon: Minister

John W. Kern
 D.O.

Sir:

4. February 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft
 \$10.00. for the sum of ten dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for
 this current year; as follows: &c. &c.

1. Wm. Ingledew, Bronte, For Boat License to fish 3,000
 yards of S. Trout, White fish, and lesser gill nets, in Lake
 Ontario, in front of the Township of Bronte, for year
 1878, received license and delivered it. \$5.00.
2. J. D. Lafferty, For spearing license in the
 Lake Ontario, and N. Bay, - from 1st of January
 to 20. April 1879. .. 1.00.
3. Wm. Scott, For spearing license for do. .. 1.00.

Please send me Boat License, for Wm. In-
 gledew, for this current year, same as above. --

Hon: Minister

I Have &c

John W. Kern
 D.O.

postages 21.

Telegraphs 35

postages 24

Important,

5. Feb. 1879. -

My dear Sir,

Yours received. I am glad to hear that you are on the alert, about the saw dust, and ashes being kept out of the 12, and 16 Mile Creeks. - I spoke to the man, Taylor, at Bronte Mill myself, last Friday week, when I was there. -

I heard again recently, that several salmon, large sized fish, were seen at the dam, above Railway Bridge, last year, and a large fish of the same size caught. - In 12. Mile Creek. -

I also heard, when last in Bronte, that John Van-leet, of Bronte, caught a salmon last spring, in the 12, on a drift hook and line, but that he kept it very quiet. - I wrote you on the 18th of November last, that salmon were seen in this Creek, and I then gave you instructions about them.

With kind regards,
John W. Ross
F.O.

Sir,

5. February 1879. -

I have the honor to send you, Bank draft No: 451, for the sum of Two Hundred and forty dollars. -

Will you be pleased, to apply this amount for a Round Bet license in the name of John W. Ramsey, of Fort Erie. -

As to fish your pound nets, with single nets or pots, in Lake Erie, between Windmill point, and Point Abino situated in the Township of Bertie, and County of Welland, during the year 1879. -

I delivered the license today.

And with due respect

I Have &c
John W. Ross
F.O.

Wm. M. Minter

Sir,

February 1879.

I have the honor to send you, Bank draft, No: -
for the sum of Fifteen dollars, and seventy five cents.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount on
spearing licenses in the Dundas Marsh, and Ber-
lington Bay, from 1st day of January, to the 20th
day of April next, as follows:

1. George Myers, -	Hamilton, -	\$ 25.
2. Thomas Jones, -	Salisbury, -	1. 00.
3. James Boyd, -	Hamilton, -	1. 00.
4. Henry West, -	Glamboro East, -	1. 00.
5. Charles Chisholm, -	do, -	1. 00.
6. George West, -	Wellington Square, -	1. 00.
7. James Smith, -	Hamilton, -	. 50.
8. James Ellis, -	Glamboro East, -	1. 00.
9. Wm. Rose, -	do, -	1. 00.
10. W. D. Curtis, -	do, -	1. 00.
11. Aaron Boden, -	Barton, -	1. 00.
12. Charles Smith, -	Hamilton, -	1. 00.
13. Jerry Hudson, -	do, -	1. 00.
14. James Gardiner, -	do, -	1. 00.
15. George Croft, -	do, -	1. 00.
16. Joseph Gates, -	do, -	1. 00.
17. Marshal Blaine, -	do, -	1. 00.
		<u>Total \$ 15. 75.</u>

Hon. Minister,

I Have, &c,

Yrs, Yrs, Yrs.

John W. Kerr

F.O.

Stationery, paper - 34, X
Telegraphs, - 40, X
Note paper, - 20, X

Wednesday 12, February 1879. -
at Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton, had a
conversation with Jack Bolton, about notice served
by Thos Elliot, on his brother Charles - but that
he did not receive any notice himself, went
out at 8. A.M., came in at 2. P.M., Miles 60.
Ry fare \$1.50, breakfast 25, Street Car 5¢

Let.

13. February 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for information as follows:

Messrs. E. J. Wells, and Isaac Holloway, of the City of Buffalo, N. York, United States, own the land, and a swamp, at Point Abino, township of Portia, in County of Wexford, on Lake Erie, both above and below point Abino, from which they supply Buffalo with fine sand, and Coarse gravel. —

Will you be pleased to let me know if the deed issued to these persons, had the usual reservation of one chain for fishing purposes inserted therein. — or if not too much trouble, I would to obtain a copy of the deed or patent from the Crown. —

I want it in connection with the Found Net license, recently issued, by the department, to Mr. John W. Ramsey — so that I may be able to advise him in the premises. —

Hon. Minister,

I have &c.

John W. Kerr
F.O.

P.S. — Except to land something in a boat, Ramsey will not go there, all the remainder of the beach between the points, is free to the public. — Wells & Hay have printed notices up, warning trespassers.

J. W. Kerr
F.O.

Notice to N. Beach fishermen. —

The Burlington Beach fishermen, who have haul, and fish gill nets, in Lake Ontario, will take notice, that all license fees for year 1879, will have to be paid before fishing is commenced. —

Fishermen now engaged fishing gill nets for Cisco's must pay at once.

John W. Kerr
F.O.

Mar. iton, Onto

13 Feb 1879. —

Person speaking fish. must pay up.

J. W. Kerr

Sent Copy to Greenston,

Portia

Frenchman's bay. —

Leslieville and Toronto.

J. W. Kerr
F.O.

Notice to the Niagara Fishermen. -

The Niagara fishermen, will take notice, that all ~~fines~~ fees for fishing during this year* in Canadian waters, will have to be paid to me, before the fishing is commenced. -

The Two Mile Fishing grounds in Lake Ontario, between the Two, and the Four Mile Creeks, in the Township of Niagara, being now vacant, will be licensed on application to me. -

Hamilton, Onto.

13. February 1879. -

John W. Kerr

H. Oversee, * Year 1879. *

My dear Sir,

I was at Fort Erie, and Victoria, on Thursday last, and would have seen you and your brother George, only I got a bad cold. -

I may have told you, that you and your brother can have a license this year 1879 - for to fish in Niagara River, with lines, and Hooks and long lines, for the sum of Five dollars - on remitting to me this amount, I will at once apply and get for you, the Annual license. -

In the mean time, please tell your brother George, he can go on fishing.

Peter W. Little Life
Fort Erie

J. W. Kerr
S. O.

13. Feb 1879.

please send me the number of your lot

My dear Harry, -

Will you be pleased to make the enclosed Notice as public as possible - by reading it, for Joe and Joe Gabriel, John Wadsworth, and David H. H. H.

Please don't allow the Yankee fishermen to fish on your river any more. -

I just heard on Thursday last, when at Niagara that Jack Bolton & boy, caught a great many sturgeon on your river fishing last year. - stop everything, this year, and believe me,

Hamilton, Onto.
13. Feb. 1879.

Yours faithfully,
John W. Kerr
S. O.

Tuesday 18. Feb: 1879. -

At Fort Erie, and Ridgeway, to see Mr. John W. Ramsey, and the Point, etc. - The fort, the Tunnel, the Street, and a part of the plain, was set, the chain would be about 55. Miles long. The fort is 22 ft. square, - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 9. p. m. miles 96. - Railway fare \$2.00 of, dinner, tea and bed 75¢ took very all during the night. - Lysas \$1. -

Wednesday 19. February 1879. -

At Fort Erie, Buffalo, Sup: Bridge and home, was obliged to drink brandy to cure my head on plain, went out at 7.30. a. m. came in at 2.30. p. m. - miles 69. Ry fare, &c. 2.00. breakfast, dinner 50¢, and do 50¢. - - -

Thursday 20. February 1879. -

On N. bay. found all regular. - - went out at 9. a. m. came in at 5.30. p. m. miles about 25. 84¢ Lysas 1.50, dinner 50¢.

So.

24. Feb: 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for about fifty copies of the printed notices, published, defining the close season for pickered, bass, and Mackinogs, for posting up in my division. - And with due respect,

I have &c.

Hon: Minister

John W. Ramsey
J. W.

Close Season Notices for 1879.

To.

as follows:

William Woollard,	Lewis Belsy,	Mrs. C. Reid,
Francis Fortwaine,	M. Christian,	D. Werra,
Peter Rath	Thos: Elliot,	Thos: Mansfield
Wm. Cowan,	John Proudfoot,	Rich: Gilbert,
Asfred Ball & Coy,	Jos: Cantwell,	W. D. Frolock,
	and Patrick Hand,	

paid postage 16¢

Sir,

21 Feb: 1879,

I have the honor to apply to you for the sum of 6
Hundred dollars. - An Advance.

As I will require to be on the Alert shortly, in connection
with the Salmon, and speckled trout streams of my division
so as to protect the fish, and take action to keep out saw
dust, and Mill rubbish.

I may here state that the saw dust and all the mill
rubbish is very often let off from the Mills into the great
glades of forest, and I want to have all this, in the River
Credit and Mowbray - more particularly, stream, at pre-
sent clean and pure, since the depletion of
last year. -

I require this amount on hand, for incidental
expenses, to meet all such emergencies, &c.

And with due respect

Yours Minister.

I Have &c
John W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to inform me
when you will be able to procure for me a dozen of
live, living Mackinac. - I am aware that several large
and small fish, are caught at Dunville and Staldiman, in
the Grand River - in the early part of each year, so I want
you to procure for me all that may be caught there
this year, Keep them alive for me in the boxes, and I
will, on advised by you come up for them, bringing the
means with me, for taking them safely away. - - - as
a matter of course, I will pay you for them. - -

And now my friend, will you drop me a line
and tell me what prospect there is of getting them,
and how soon,

And now in conclusion, accept my kind
regards - -
Yours Truly,

John W. Kerr

J. Oversee.

Hamilton Onto

24. Feb: 1879.

Mr. Marcene Green.

Fisherman

Dunville, Onto.

P.S. The Secords at Staldiman, and your brother will I
hope assist you to do this for me. - -

also wrote Abt. Jobb.

Samuel Wilnot.

John W. Kerr

J.O.

My dear Mr. Ross. —

26. Feb: 1879.

I want from you immediately a good New Tike Net, for to set in B. bay, to catch bass. —

Have you got one large enough for the purpose? if not! please make me a good one immediately. — I will of course pay for it. —

When you commence fishing this year, will you be so good as to keep for me alive, all the blackmings you catch, keep them alive in your boxes, telegraph me, and I will come for them and pay you.

Yr Henry Ross,
Port Maitland,

Yr To
J. W. Ross
P.O.

M. S. And now my old friend, how do you — or remember me kindly to your wife, and the several members of your family.

Yr J. W. Ross
Has James commenced to fish here? how at full Island yet, do they catch bass or blackmings in them, answer on return of mail.

28. Feb: 1879. Friday. —

On B. bay and B. beach — Had abused me, gave Tike Net to Mr. Gwynne to mend and repair it. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. miles 24. Mr. Gwynne —

Sat: 1 March 1879. —

On B. bay and beach, thence to Hamilton, and got bass to Conroy bass to Offham. — Tike Net, not yet repaired — went out at 1. p.m. came in at 6. p.m. — miles 20. Mr. Gwynne. —

W. Ross 5 00

Do 26-25

My dear Sir,

Having applied to the District Inspector, to know the price of the business of the District, I have and your reply of the 1st inst. I have for your information, and I am glad to hear that the District Inspector, I have no rights whatever to the business of Lake Erie, in which you are so deeply interested.

Many thanks for your reply, I hope everything will turn out to your advantage. Please don't forget to tell me, when you come up - your post. Believe me, Yours, etc.

John W. Mearns
District, Ont.

Edw. H. H.

D. O.

27. Feb. 1874 -

My dear Sir,

27. Feb. 1874.

I am just in receipt of your application for a full license for Lake Erie, No. 1, and 16, in the District of Queenston, together with four dollars on acct of the same, and will immediately apply for your license. - As regards 14 and 19, application for by you, have directed by the Department, not to apply any more for a fishing license unless I send the money with it, as no license will be sent me for delivery until the money is just received at Ottawa. - I had got this far, when I received your letter containing 10 on acct of Lake Erie. - I will cover down to Niagara and will write you before long, so as that we may meet at Chatham, and then down to Queenston, in a friendly manner as usual, as I believe you.

Yours faithfully,
Joseph Labadie Jr.
Queenston,

Yours faithfully,
Edw. H. H.
D. O.

private. I see by the clock today that Mr. Mearns has thrown up, pays all costs to, and Mr. J. H. Plumb, will be your ally.

J. W. Mearns

If you do not get up a machine for 1st, he had better say so, and let Mr. Mearns have it, what say you?

Postages 15¢, for a Barrel of 2.00¢
express charges on
Fishes 1.00¢, 60¢.

Mr. H. H. H. 15¢

Sir,

1st March 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 521, for the sum of Twenty five dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows; for this current year (1879.)

1. Abraham St. Grobb, "For seine hauling license to fish in 20. Mile pond and Creek, same as last year, -- 15.00, the same being in the Township of South, --

2. Joseph Gabriel, Jr. of Queenston, "For a license, to fish a blackie in Lots, Nos 1, and 16, in the Niagara River, at Queenston, to be the same as last year, sent on a/c't. -- 4.00.

3. Joseph Gabriel, Jr. of Queenston, "For a license to spear sturgeon, on lot No: 19, in the Niagara River, at Queenston. -- 3.00.

4. Lewis Balfour. "For boat license, to fish 500 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of lot No: 10. 1st concession of franchise this is for year 1878. -- 3.00.

I only require Licenses, for the three just named, for this year. -- Total \$25.00

The Hon:

I Have &c,

Minister,

John W Kerr

P.O.

My dear Sir, I am in receipt of your application for permission to commence fishing in the 16 Mile pond. Pending the receipt of your license for this current year. -- You can do so. --

I want to procure about One Hundred black or green bass, alive, for to send to Ottawa. When you have caught that many keep them alive in a box or barrel, and on sending me word I will come immediately down, pay you for them and fetch a barrel with me and take them away. -- And I send you, your license for last year. With kind regards,

Yr truly
John W Kerr
P.O.
7. March 1879.

Mr. Richard Gillen
Fisherman --
16. Mile Creek
Middleport P.O.

Postages 75

My dear Sir,
 I am very pleased to find how much interest
 telegraph, from the Whitcher for you
 I am using every endeavor to furnish you with the
 bass, in some quarters, and will write, and telegraph to you
 whenever I may be fortunate in getting for you an abundant
 supply.
 Yours very truly
 W. J. Whitaker

Alley, Bagg, Cape
 Chilled.

W. J. Whitaker
 11. March 1879

My dear Sir,
 I am very pleased to find how much interest
 the fish he collects, please therefore attend to the
 those you may get elsewhere - thank you for letter about
 fishing at Lake St. Clair. -
 W. J. Whitaker.

Monday, 10. March 1879, -
 At Union - found all regular, no fishing yet. -
 arranged with Paddy David to go out on tomorrow
 and catch Trout & White fish, for to send to Mr.
 W. J. Whitaker. Arrived at Ottawa. - went out
 at 8. a.m. came in at 6.20. p.m. - miles 34.
 Pay fare 60¢ of N.Y. 1.50, dinner 25

My dear Sir,
 I am just in receipt of your application for
 a license to fish & seine at the Range in Ontario and
 like gill nets in the Range marsh, for this present season. -
 Will you be pleased to send me, the usual fee, five
 dollars - and I will apply for, and recommend a license
 may (if possible) be granted, just as you have advised me. -
 With kind regards.

W. J. Whitaker
 Port Union N.Y.
 on 11. March 1879

Yrs truly,
 John Whitaker
 11. March 1879

10. March 1879.

I have the honor to report, that on the 30th of April 1878, at Fort Erie, I found still ^{two} poachers, Clifton, Sonity of Belmont, - I have John M. Hulmer, and Andrew Harrison, of Belmont, fined five dollars, and 2.50. each, or 8 days in Jail, when ^{they} arrived there and then paid. -

Please refer to my report of 2nd of May 1878; - By which you will see, I have charged them, with fishing, catching and killing fish in Lake Erie, at Portia, without a license from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, at Ottawa.

On that occasion Mr Still informed me, that he received all fines to the Provincial Government, Ontario.

As five dollars of these fines (10⁰⁰) belongs to the Fisheries Department, and the other five dollars belongs to me, please refer to Section 16, and sub-section 5, of the Fisheries Act; - I beg now to apprise you, so that if this ten dollars, has not been already received by you, you will be pleased to apply for it. -

And with due respect,

Hon^{ble} Minister,

I Have, &c.

John W. Ross
D.O.

Sir.

11. March 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Mount License, for Patrick, and John Stand the latter of Grimsby, and the former of Minerva; - For fish 4,000 Yards of Salmon Trout, White fish, and Cherry Gill Nets each; in Lake Ontario, in front of the townships of Saltfleet, Grimsby, and a small portion of Chilton, say to Culp's Creek; - The license fee to be ten dollars each, payable on delivery. -

Will you be pleased to send me a separate license for each, for this current year. -

And with due respect,

I Have, &c.

Hon^{ble} Minister,

John W. Ross
D.O.

Minister 5.00.

Telegraph 25¢ - dinner for two 1.00

My dear Sir

Yours received, and I sent you by express, to-day, addressed to Henry Ross, Fisherman, Burlington - etc I telegraphed you - 10 1/2 pounds of twine for you, to make for me the Doyle net; It is hard twine, which I believe is the best; - If you consider the price, also let be longer than ten feet, you can make it so; I also sent you half a pound of large twine for the head line, and Coll line of the wings, and for the running strings of the purse, and wings. -

And now make it for me as soon as possible put in the hoops, and traps, and fasten on the wings, and send to me by express - you need not put cork or lead on, as I can do that here. -

Have you any news for me, at all. With kind regards believe me, Very truly yours,

Mr Henry Ross,
Fisherman
Port Charlotte
Ont.

John W. T.
J. W.
Hamilton, Onto
11. March 1879.

Let Notes to the Bureau, -
" " " Robert Keith, -
" " " George White, -
" " " Thomas Reid, -
" " " Charles Murdock, -
" " " John Bolton, -
" " " John Wadsworth, -

Wednesday, 12. March 1879,
at Port Credit The Stumber - and Toronto Island
saw Patrick Gray, and Willard - heard Billy Mead
had caught 100 trout; - Was very dissatisfiable about his
license fee - See my report for licenses dated 17th
of March, went out at 6. a.m. came in at 4.50
P.m. Miles 48. My fare 1.00. breakfast dinner and tea
75¢. 14¢ B. 1.00. Boat 50¢, bed 25¢

Thursday, 13. March 1879. -
at Toronto Island. City of Toronto, saw Mr. Doyle
got off 5. from Mr. Gray. for J. Portwine license for
1878, James Simpson gave me off 4. for same license
at Ashbridges Bay L. Ontario 540. point S. P. Mr. D.
told me Billy Ward sold to her - Thence home
Miles 44. My fare 1. Breakfast 25¢ and
Boat 50¢

13. Mar

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No. 557, for the sum of five dollars. ---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current season, to the following, "as license fees" ---

1. James Simpson, Toronto, For seine hauling ground at the Beach, Toronto Bay, - from the wharf down the beach to Lake Ontario, on south side of Ashbridges Bay, for a distance of 300 yards, - for 1879. - "Seine license" - 150. Seine - \$4.00.
 2. David Fitch, W. Beach. Spearing license in W. Bay, upto 20. Apr 1.00.
 3. Geo. Skuse, Hamilton, Spearing license - do, 1.00.
 4. Francis Portman, Lake Huron, - For boat license to fish 2000 yards, S. S. and W. to fish gill net, in L. Ontario, in front of the Township of Scarborough, for past year 1878. delivd. - 5.00.
 5. Peter Rath, Port Dalhousie. - For boat license to fish 3,000 yards of S. S. White fish and Herring gill net, in L. Ontario, in front of the Township of Grantham for 1878. - del. 5.00.
- Total, \$16.00
- and with due respect,

Yours, Sir,
 H. W. Kerr
 H. W. Kerr
 H. W. Kerr

I have, &c.
 John W. Kerr
 J. W. Kerr

15. March 1879.

I have the honor to send you, herewith, Bank draft No. 566, for five dollars. ---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as License fee for this current season, in the Niagara River, from the wharf at Queenston to the Black Horse Canyon, as a seine hauling ground to Mr. Henry Sheppard, of Queenston; The license to be the same as last season; and with due respect,

I have &c.

Yours, Sir,
 H. W. Kerr
 H. W. Kerr
 H. W. Kerr

John W. Kerr
 J. W. Kerr

Monday, 17. March 1879.

On B. Heights, all O.K. went out at 9.30. a.m. came in at 1. p.m. Miles S. H. & B. 1.50.

I have the honor to apply to you for a boat license to fish in the Lake Ontario, commencing in the first part of the month (first) of June and extending up to the middle of the month of June. I am to license, I am aware might be actually limited? when the fishing of fishing 2000 yards of fish gill nets in the Lake Ontario and also, this spring, up to the first of July. I recommend this license to be issued to Thomas and Elizabeth Smith of Port Hope, at \$5. for the present season.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

Yours truly,
John W. Smith
P.O.

I have the honor to apply to you for a boat license for William Woodward of Hamilton. He is to fish 2000 yards of white fish and salmon. That you will in Lake Ontario, for this present season, in part of the township of Hamilton, from the 1st (1st) of last year. I recommend the same to be issued to me at once.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

Yours truly,
John W. Smith
P.O.

I have the honor to apply to you for a boat license for to fish 1000 yards of white fish. Shrimps and nets in Lake Ontario, in part of Toronto township, including 1000 yards of fish gill nets to be fished in the month of June and also, this spring, and in the season at the rate of \$5. per license.

Please issue me license, when I recommend that be granted at once to W. H. Smith. The Minister's P.O.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

Yours truly,
John W. Smith
P.O.

On the 19. March - Minto Co.,
Mary Chapman
Fisherman
St. Catharines
Bank of Hamilton,
Hamilton Ont.

1879.

I have the honor to apply to you and I recommend that Seine fishing licenses be granted on Toronto Island, to Messrs^{rs} Patrick Gray, and also David Ward, "a copy for each," - licenses to be the same as last season. -

And also a Boat License for Mr. David Ward, of Toronto Island, for to fish in Lake Ontario, same as last year, except the license fee, which I recommend is only to be ten dollars this season, -

Also a Seine fishing license for Mr. Patrick Gray, of Toronto Island; - for to fish a Seine for suckers, blunlets, &c, on the west side of the harbor, in Lake Ontario, to be the same as last season. -

I take the liberty here of reporting to you, that Mr. David Ward, the licensee, and his son William Ward, "who fishes for him", are dissatisfied; because of the present boat license fee of \$20, as compare with Boat license fees on the upper Lakes. -

"I may as well tell you, that David, wanted a free, license this year; because a few years ago, you were pleased to exempt Mr. David from paying for, when his wife died, and he hardly fished any that season, and had a large family."

And because David Ward, Municipal Councillor of his Toronto Island property a New House, and lot, they own - was \$80. - And because his sons wife (Wm) died; and because the fishing was not quite as good last year, as it was previous years; because in fact, I would not allow him to seine and indiscriminately for, and catch and kill young white fish last year, nor permit him to fish in the Island ponds. -

Mr. David Ward's man - Geo. Germain, was given him last year, for catching, and selling small young white fish whilst I permitted David Ward, to go, with a license. - Now! Mr. Patrick Gray, altho paid for a like license, does not murmur at paying \$30, as annual license fee. -

Mr. Ward also complains, that as a fisherman he has to pay City of Toronto taxes on the house at 10¢, when he lives.

As a comparison between Lake Huron fishermen, and Toronto Island fishermen - it is simply this, a fisherman on Lake Huron, gets by a police for catching the fish - the owner of the boat and boat bells for 4¢, a pound, David Ward gets a pound for each, and a pound for each at 10¢.

... as the ... is, a ... the ...
 ... and size were given for the American
 and home markets, taking the ... hauling as a test,
 ... to ... - It was able to impose fines,
 on ... persons for catching young White fish, with
 fines as you are aware.

I both refer to that part of the petition, asking
 for the privilege of fishing pound nets in L. Ontario, by the
 petitioners; I have the honor to report that I am opposed
 to the fishing of pound nets in L. Ontario, and cannot
 accede to nor recommend the prayer of the petition in
 that behalf, and I know from enquiry, I have made,
 that the petitioners never meant to apply for such a
 death like, destructive, and so sweeping a privilege
 and which the hardy, hard working fishermen of my
 division know, are most destructive and injurious to
 our fisheries, more particularly, to young White fish.

Why Sir? If such a permission was granted, in
 L. Ontario, the name of White fish in 5 years from this
 time, would be among the fish of the past, — And
 our hardy petitioners fishermen would not reap
 any benefit, as they possess no means to get up
 pound nets, and very few of the owners of the
 pound nets fished in L. Erie, were bred or brought
 as Canadian fishermen.

I believe there is no order in Council, the
 Fisheries Act does not apply to any rule regulation nor a
 made to go by, in the fishing of Pound nets, in L. Erie, —
 The sizes of the meshes in either the hearts, or wings, the
 pot, nor in the main lead net, is not given. — The only
 thing I find to the advantage of the fish, is that nets of
 this description are to be lifted, which I presume has
 only reference to the unnet, of the pound, — or raised, between
 6 o'clock, on Saturday evening, until 6 o'clock, a.m., on the
 following Monday morning, &c. — &c.

Please refer to Section 13, sub section 14, of the
 Fish Act. It is should be established by regulation
 in Council for all the various close seasons of fish
 and ... fishing time, so far as refer to pound
 & fishing.

On each occasion I recommended a ...
 to ... to ... John W. Ramsey, of
 ... single heads or pots.
 ... Point Albino, and ...
 part ... of ...

to do so, for I am, and I am sure that all of the friends,
not fishermen, but those who pay a little money for the
Railway accommodation and ferrying processes, being so near
need not go to save and to see the fish. —

I made this application for the Railway, — I believe there are
few white fish in this part of L. Erie — pickerel, sturgeon, and
herring, and bass, being the principal fish, in the water here, and
and because I wanted for to see power net fishing test in
my division for the first time, so that I may be enabled to
study the procedure or proceeding, and so report to you
from time to time; whatever I may by own personal observation
decide, as advantageous in the protection of the fish, in
regard to the fishing of power nets, so as at some future time,
respectfully lay before you my humble views in the matter, if
you so desired it. —

But as to my advising, or recommending that power nets
be fished in L. Ontario, I cannot do so, as other people
not bad up fishermen would be the recipients of the in-
dulgence, and as it is now in L. Erie, most of the full
Island. — — and because of the great abundance of
Young White fish, whose giddy nature, fond of company,
would lead them to congregated in power nets, by millions
and so there would be an end to them. —

The only legitimate net for to catch Kill or take
White fish, is a 5 or 5 1/2 inch, good mesh, extension
measure. —

Will Whitefish, the Commissioners will say I am right
in this? —

And I hope I shall live to see the day, when no
other net for White fish, will be in use; and that every
respective class of fish, will have their respective seasons,
for being caught in. — Apologizing for writing so
much, but I hope to the point.

Yours sincerely,
H. H. H.

I have &c
John H. Kerr
H. O.

Superintendent
to Ottawa as of
" Ontario as of
1894

18. March 1879.

Dear Sir - I have your letter of the 11th inst., 1879, in relation to the license.

What you have please to apply the amount as follows:

1. Wm. Bowman - Port Union - For a seine hauling ground in E. Ontario, west side of the River Rouge, ^{conveyance to the} for this current season, to be the same as last year - please send me once, the license \$5.00.

2. Thomas Brox Hamilton - for opening license in E. Ont. up to 20. April next. - \$1.00.

Minister, \$4.00 Total \$6.00

I have to
 remain
 Yours truly,
 J. S. Gruley

My dear Sir, Your application for the fifteen mile pond received. If you send me five dollars, I will apply for a license for you, of the fifteen. - All licenses fees must be paid in advance.

Mr David Tyson,
 Fisherman,
 Port Union

J. S. Gruley
 John W. Lewis
 J. S.

19. Mar: 1879.

Send letter this day to Sandy Bagg,
 Smith's

My dear Peter, Will you be so good, as to send me your Boat license fee (\$5.) for this current year (1879.) and I will apply for at once and for you, your license, don't fail. And with kind regards. Y.

Mr Peter Rath,
 Fisherman,
 Port Union

J. S. Gruley
 John W. Lewis
 J. S.

19. Mar: 1879.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to send you herewith check No. 576, for the sum of Twenty dollars.

And you be pleased to apply this amount, as follows;
1. John Davis, north, Rochester, for a license to fish in all the lakes on fishing station, N.Y. - the Niagara River, for the year 1878. \$ 2.00.

2. John Davis, James Longworth, and Robert M. Hall, of Niagara, for a license to fish in the Niagara River, at the "Lewiston," to the same as you for this current year. 15 00

Yours, etc.
Hon. Mr. Davis,
4. 4. 4.

I have the

Total \$ 20.00.

Respectfully,
J. C.

Sir,

22nd March 1878.

I have the honor to report for your information that I have been requested by the Niagara American fishermen to draw your attention to the law which states that fish taken from the inland waters and lakes of the United States of America, into Canada, is to pay 1¢ per pound, and to ask you, if this will apply to fish caught in the American waters of the Niagara River, U.S., taken and sold to Rochester, and sold in Canada, and for which 1¢ of the value you have been charged.

And if it will also apply to fish caught in the lakes between American waters, and sold to the U.S. of America, and disposed of in Canada, and for which you have been charged 1¢ per pound, has never been before paid.

Hon. Mr. Davis,

4. 4. 4.

I have the

Respectfully,

J. C.

Thursday, 20th March 1878.

At S. Bridge, and Niagara River, at Rochester, was too late to catch the Ya-Ho - at Cooper's Hollow, by half an hour, as they have been there, and many - went out at 4 p.m. came in 11.30 p.m. - 11 miles 50.

My fare 1.50, and had 50¢, Niagara 1.00 -

Stair, James, Sam and the Bluff with me and Joe Gubler Jr. - did not succeed.

"Friday, 21. March 1879.

At Queenston, Niagara and Queenston - watching the River at Cooper's, until 12. midnight, but no person came there, Harry Sheppard, his three sons - James Sheppard and Joe Gabriel Jr. were with me watching. - Breakfast dinner tea and bed
1.25. 54 + B. 1.50. Miles 20.

Inspected the Springs at Old Fort George: - and the Ferry Barrack - for a fish Breeding Establishment. -

Saturday, 22. March 1879. -

at Queenston, S. Bridge, Hamilton, and Stone, all right, got a Hen quail from Young Sheppard - went out at 7.35. A.M. came in at 1. P.M., Miles 56. -
114 B. 1.50. - Breakfast 25. Ry fare 1.50.

Telegraph 30. F. Sub 25 F.

Mr. John Bolton, Fisherman, Niagara. - -
My dear Sir,

I have made enquiries in the Post office, here, for the letter you referred to, as an answer to my letter to you dated 15. of February last, but it cannot be found, and so I never received it. I obtained McGraw, and Winnett-telegraph, to your brother Charles Bolton, from Mayor Paffard, which does not amount to anything, as McGraw and Winnett being only I presume Lessees, of the Queen's Royal Hotel Niagara, and premises as joined in. - -

Once more, I will ask you to consider your answer given to me on last Friday, and away the objectionable Boat House and Reels, from which they have no right to be, so that I may be able to report to the Hon. the Minister of Marine Fisheries - Ottawa, that you have done so. -
Wm. O. O.
1879.

and they would give their authority to do so.
I may mention to you in connection with this matter, that this young man, James Sheppard, a surgeons, and I, discussed the pro, and cons, of the game law, with only, to employ, empower, and authorize. It is, however, reluctantly to come to the conclusion, that their authority would amount to nothing. . . .

A game club, to have power, and exercise power, must be constituted by Law, or under some clause in the law. . . . For let us suppose . . . I go on to you, and, by authority, give Sheriff Woodruffe, &c. a fine a killing game out of season. I take him up, and fine him; you! as the owner of the law, sympathize with the man I have fined. You take me up for trespassing on your game, you are is James . . . had no legal right to be there, I am fined for trespass. . . . The petty authority of Sheriff Woodruffe, &c. would not save me from a fine for trespass, as under the trespass act, fined I would be besides being placed in a humiliating position. . . .

Good men and true, do not wish to run risks, in bringing up persons for violating the game law act, and are not after the birds, with much interest in the game. . . .

If the game of the country is to be preserved and protected, a better law, than the present one, is very well known - it has been said - it is better.

I would strongly recommend you to see to it, at once, and make an effort, to get it done. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
John H. H. H.
Ottawa, -

Stationery 15 "

Tuesday, 25, March 1879,
On the Heights, 15, bay, and 10, 12, and 13. - James Ben; Golds - had been out and fished up; Alex. and Frank McDonough and Jack Duff, were with him, and all had Merring Gill nets, they had a good ^{white} fish on one of the pieces; only caught about 300 pieces altogether. Before then, they must take out license; Dick Duff also fished up, took his own thing; got a piece of fish from Ben; bought 25, worth from Dick Duff, went out at 6.50. A. m. came in at 5.30. p. m. - 30. 1879. 2.00, Dolly & Co, dinner for two 50. . . .

My dear Sir,

24 March 1879.

I made an application some short time ago for to let off, and of it, two additional Lewis fishing grounds in the Niagara River, at the Town of Niagara, when I was forced to be in a position to get you a license, for to Lewis fish in one of them. -

The Fisheries Department, Ottawa, declined to accede to my proposal, but it might injure the value of fish on the licensed grounds already being fished on, and I refused under the circumstances. -

Believe me, Yours respectfully,
John Roushewy Esq.
Robert Raper.
Niagara.

John Roushewy
J.R.

My dear Sir,

I was in Toronto last Thursday week when I heard you are Canadian Agent, were in Toronto under purchase for bounty, - on the Fish & Game of thread, for gill nets. - I will thank you to send me your Best license for \$5 each, as soon as you possibly can - as all license fees have to be paid first this year, before the season is opened or fishing begins. -

As regards the Lewis fishing ground license, that will have to be paid in like manner as the Best license, before fishing begins -

As for Black's, wishing this year, Mike McBot, or any body else, - please let me hear from you. -

I had a letter a short time ago, from Mr. Runtin, J. P. Ruffin's Clerk, pleading for Joseph Black, to be to his back the license, but I can't see it. I have not fail but send me because you will tell him, and Black, to do likewise; I hope you are all in good health, and believe me

Thomas Chas. Field,
Frederickson,
F. Runtin, May

John Roushewy
J.R.

24 March 1879.

P.S. I hear you were all catching trout for some time past.

John Roushewy
J.R.

My dear Sir,

Will you be pleased to hand the enclosed to your brother-in-law, Mr. James Simpson, 98. Front St. Toronto. - As regards Billy Montgomerie, please say to him, if he has commenced pike fishing; that I must have his license fee (10) right away. - - -

If any others go fishing without first paying, and not notifying me, I will have to come down with their gill nets, and give them. - I see Charles Burness's death, this morning in the Mail. -

With my best respects, and warm regards to Mr. P. Gray, Willy and yourself

Believe me, Sir, Truly
Yours, John W. Kerr H.O.
24. Mar. 1879.
Mr. P. Gray,
The Island
Toronto.

P.S. I sent all the particulars of Wards dissatisfaction to Ottawa. - Is the Bay and the Road, clear of ice; Have you been up to the Hunter yet, I hope you will have a good years successful fishing.
Yours, J. W. Kerr
H.O.

My dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to find your license for this season; and if you find any gill nets, set in the Rouge, between the Railway, and the Forks, above the Kingston Road, I hope you will take them up, and notify me. Anything you see wrong, in fishing matters notify me at once. -

I understand Joe Black is building a new seine to fish on the sly, and I heard he had gill nets, so look out for yourself and me; - and with kind regards to you and yours, believe me,

Wm. Cowan Esq.
Pickering
Port Huron

Yours Truly
John W. Kerr
H.O.

24. Mar. 1879.

Fishing nets

Keep Joe off your

Private

My dear Sir,

I was in Niagara, on Friday last, for the purpose of selecting a fit and proper place for the fish breeding hatchery, you and I, and Mr. Mayor Pefferd talked about it.

I now take the liberty of informing you, that I consider a portion of Old Fort George property is best adapted for the following reasons. -

1st. It is Government, Ordnance land, and can be easily obtained on your application, and recommendation. - -

2nd. There are two living springs of pure water there, these springs unite and enter the Niagara River, through a stone Culvert, just where the Old Ferry landing used to be, but which is now removed to the Custom House wharf. - -

3rd. There is the Rack, or Ferry Barracks, this property that could be altered, and fitted into an excellent hatching house; and on the left hand side of the street, on the side the River, there is a low piece of Goat land, which we could also require as a pond for young fish, and a proper place for putting fish when they first come in from the River to spawn. -

I presume the Minister of State, or Interior is the person to apply to, and you can obtain this land, the Minister sanction to buy, lease, or as a gift. I can have a survey and plan made of the portion of land required. - And with my humble respects,

Yrs. respectfully

John W. Kerr

J. B. Plumb Esq.

M. J. - Esq.

House of Commons. -

Ottawa,

26. March 1874.

Memorandum - Sent to Mr W. G. Whitcher of Quebec April 1st 1874, that are not yet received by me. -

1st Messrs. Bluff and 15. March, A. D. Hicks 17. March. -

2nd Messrs. Bluff and 17. March, A. D. Hicks 19. March. -

3rd Messrs. Bluff and 19. March, A. D. Hicks 21. March. -

4th Messrs. Bluff and 21. March, A. D. Hicks 23. March. -

5th Messrs. Bluff and 23. March, A. D. Hicks 25. March. -

Sent
29 March 1874.

J. W. Kerr
P. O.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to receive the petition of the Son, Thos. W. Jones, late of the Judge's Bench, and others, dated at Montreal, 11th of February 1879, referred to me by you for report.

I have the honor to report, and refer you to my former reports of the 17th of June 1878, and to the full and more important report made to you by one of the Commissions of the Fisheries Act, submitted by Joseph Black and others, dated 1st of July 1878. - In doing this, I am sorry I have to differ in my opinion from so many respectable petitioners, gentlemen; one of whom is an ex-Minister of the Crown, one a County Judge, and five are Justices of the Peace, two of them the Magistrates who tried the case. I preferred and pronounced against Joseph Black and others.

Joseph Black is not an illiterate or ignorant man, and the petitioners I presume know this; he had a copy of the Fisheries Act in his possession, when he broke the law, and he showed by his defence at the trial, that he studied this Act, so that he could break this Law; he is familiar with all the sections and sub-sections therein set forth; he is only a part owner of the Swiss Petition of 1878, as my report of the 1st of July 1878, will still inform you.

Personally, I have no objection to the Son; The Minister restoring the Swiss and ropes and the Son's son, 10th of Feb; Black says; on his own statement that he will not "get them" I shall see that he does not... and paying the tolls to me for removing the Swiss to a place of safety, and your dollar for the same.

As to any promises Joseph Black made of observing the Fisheries Act, in the future; it will never amount to anything; as he has again, and again made similar promises to me, and always broke them.

I have no objection to your instructing me to submit his name again for a license to fish on the "White Fish Lake" 250 yds long, on the same ground, at Frenchman's Bay in Ontario, for this current year; but there is \$5. of his last year's license fee, still due, which I will require to be paid first, and then \$10. for this year, in advance, and I will have to inspect his boat, before he begins to fish this year.

I cannot recommend any portion of the fine imposed on Joseph Black to be remitted, because his son is small, guilty; was let off by the Magistrates, as one considered Justice should be done, by giving the father a fine.

The fact is a small one to punish and the young man, and his father.

That Judge Beauchamp, the Hon. Thos. W. Jones and the other petitioners who signed the petition.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th instant just received, by send-
ing me five dollars, I will apply for, and obtain for
you a license to fish in all the bay, near Boston, with
a license, instead of getting the license but for the State
of Massachusetts, I will send you the same.

Yours truly,
John W. Allen

John W. Allen Esq.
Boston, Mass.

25 March 1879.

My dear Sir,

Yours received and I thank you for
your promptness in reference to the license of fish.
I will take your advice and I will not come down
until I receive your license which I applied for on my
home next day, after you saw me on North
Island.

With my advice to you to see the
you see done in continuation of the fishery, I
believe me,

John W. Allen
Esq.

John W. Allen
Boston, Mass.
25 March 1879.

(Post 5254)

Monday, 31 March 1879.

At the 11 o'clock hour, the schooner "Mascot" was
reported to set sail by Charles K. Allen and
found an anchor with "Mascot" attached, then the
presence of the ship - I was stopped at the
and I was let off, got on the ship again
at 12 o'clock went out 3 p.m. came in at
2. a.m. while about 20 My fare \$2. cash. -
I see 25 of "Mascot" off.

Delivered Licenses to O. C. Hicks.

W. H. Allen

J. W. Allen
F. O.

Joseph Black, and some of them as, as well as I have heard of the
 matter. Having got out of the question as to whether or not I should
 would they apply to you in the future, "Sign and date it." And
 who believed that he was getting with "sign and date" as if some
 flying too loose, or possibly against the rule, on my part, and
 the signatories who acted in concert with me for the clearance
 of the case, and a better sake. --

Joseph Black, had then J. Parker, a clergyman of
 his own choice to provide at the trial, and in the latter part
 the over-charge and finally, waited for your final answer for the
 (Parker) before he commencing the case.

The Hon.

The Minister,

to the Hon.

Wm. H. H.

Ed. 10th

Mo.

My dear Mr. Hoss --

In the 10th inst. I sent you 10 pounds
 of Quaker to you for to make a present that what you may
 also about half a pound of sewing time and I had
 directed it to you at Providence, and I had it by express, so
 I paid charges thereon I have you got it and when may I
 expect the Kit, as I hope shortly to be able to visit. Yours

Yrs. Sincerely

John W. H.

W. H. H.

27th March 1879.

Mr. Henry Hoss,

Providence.

Post Office

My dear Sir,

31st March 1879.

I send you notice to you herewith, today,
 and you can pay me as soon as you can make the
 attorney. -- I am not yet quite sure, but my belief is, that
 as you found it to be paid in the full
 balance in a year, or less, this year, taught in
 American matters. -- I intended to have given you this
 notice, much before last, and forgot to do so, when
 paying at Greenwich. My kind regards to your
 wife and family. --

Yrs. Truly,

John W. H.

W. H.

Providence,

March 31st.

Rev.

29. March 1879.

The consequence of Salmon being so numerous in the River Credit, during the spawning time, last fall; as far as official reports to you on this head - from train to train...

And as the River Credit, has been always noted heretofore for having Spring Salmon therein, as much as Salmon in the fall.

I am convinced from the present facts, clear, clear state of the matter in River Credit, that Salmon will be numerous therein this Spring, and in the number of a few weeks from this time...

It has been reported to me, by Mr. James J. Wilcox, the Game Warden of the Credit, Mr. Thos. Harris of Chesterville, and others: - That great preparations is now being made, in getting up of traps for the catching of beavers and muskrats, but especially with the intention of catching Salmon, as much in River Credit.

I have again the honor to recommend that ^{no} game wardens not any other person be permitted to fish this year in the River Credit; except under a license from the Department; say at the rate of \$3.00 this Spring season, for each dip net; and that each license have a clause in the license, making it imperative on each licensee to observe and keep Salmon Law, under a penalty of one hundred dollars, or what ever amount you may approve.

My annual Report dated, 14. January last, for the year ending 31st of Dec: 1878, regarding game, & spring fishing in River Credit, for beavers and muskrats, &c, and the appearance of Salmon therein, will I hope be a sufficient reason and may be taken for making this report the trial of fisherman.

I remain &c.

Wm. H. Smith

John W. Smith

Game Warden

Mailed to Mr. P. Gray - Two Licenses 30,

"

for Mr. Ward - Two Licenses 30.

\$ 60.

April 1st 1879 - No pay yet

1879.

4. April 1879.

I have the honor to report that on Thursday and Friday night last, a schooner capt. Henry Sheppard; - Johnson the two men his nephew James Sheppard; Constable; one of the neighbors of Lewiston, in the township of Niagara; - the schooner is the only sailing vessel on the Niagara River, at Cooper's bottom, and it is licensed in being a capturing American trespassing fishermen.

The facts of the case are as follows; At Lewiston, in the State, there are 3 boats fishing; and occasionally they take salmon. As soon as the boats in two boats make a haul catch fish on the side (Canada) in this lower hauling ground of Sheppard at Cooper's bottom, and then instantly back away again; -

They backed there on Thursday evening last, before I arrived on the ground; altho' we made direct for the place on the arrival of the steamer at Lewiston, to find they had been there caught fish, and had gone back again to Lewiston, N.Y. -

On Friday night, they did not come out. We were there in the boat ready to pounce on them; they ran away, but I am satisfied I can by the aid of my Sheppard friends, at last succeed in capturing them; same as I have already done 2 years ago before...

I have given Sheppard, a written authority, to arrest any Sheppard the license of this fishing ground, to seize the boats if at any time an opportunity presents itself; he is a Constable, of your place and it is, whether I am present or not if he has a chance... It is a very difficult place to get to, without being surrounded by the trespassers, there being high steep banks, but once in a while, their capture, if they come, is, I might almost say, is sure. - Day of July threaten. - It is all done with a dash, and lightning charge on our part and about the time the haul is completed. - - Please send me Sheppard's license for this year immediately. - -

I Have Yr.

J. H. W.

to

Mr. Minster.

Yr.

Yr.

Yr.

1st April 1879, Sent License to James
and also Charlotte Mark.

to pay...

to pay...

do. To William Wollard Leslieville to

do. " Messrs Longhurst and a Ball to

do. To Harry Sheppard, - & John Wadsworth.

31 March 1879. -

I have to report, I have been, as you are already aware, by my reports to you, dated the 13, 16, and 29th of March 1879, and the 14th November 1878. -

And my report of 29th of November 1878, and 6th of December 1878, - to endure a great deal of bad language and domineering conduct, and my perseverance has been slowly tested, I might say, struck by Mr John Bolton, a licensed fisherman, for the same hauling ground, in Lake Ontario, at the Two Mile Creek, in the Township of Niagara, in the matter of trespass, committed on the fishing beach, of the Niagara River, Town of Niagara; and held by Mr Thomas Elliot and boy, - under license, and by his late father before him, for I might say, a life time; the reports referred to, will give you particulars in full. Not taking into account the repeated attempts made by these Boltons and others, to undermine and take away the fisheries from Mr Elliot and his family. -

Notices have been served by Mr Elliot on John Bolton, and Charles Bolton, to remove those objectionable things from off Elliot's same hauling beach, to no effect. -

I, myself, by advice to John Bolton, I may say by treaty, have endeavoured to have the present boat house and becks removed, but to no effect, as he paid no attention to my order, - as copies of my letters to Bolton, and the Notices herewith, will now I hope convince you. -

As John Bolton, has not condescended to answer my letters, nor removed the Boat House, &c. complained of, it only now remains with me, under your sanction to notify him, that I will recommence that no seine hauling fishing license be granted to him, in L.O. at the Two Mile Creek, Township of Niagara, for this current season, nor no boat license, for to fish gill nets, in L. Ontario, Dominion Waters during this season, nor until such time, as he and his brother Charles Bolton, comply with the instructions of the Fisheries Department and as communicated to me, so repeatedly, by me, but to no effect. -

Copies of my letters, to John Bolton dated 25, Febry and 24 March, are now submitted for your perusal, also copy of telegraph, the only written reply - that I have ever received and which you will observe does not amount to anything. -

Please answer soon so that I may, at once apprise John Bolton, &c. of your decision. -

Yours sincerely,

John Bolton

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Gray, —

and also Mr. David Ward, 2 licenses, for the amount of license fee. —

I was at the Chamber last night, after a hard day, and I remained until 12 o'clock, then came home. —

Mr. Charles Nurse, was complained of, by some persons, for setting two gill nets across the mouth of the Chamber, fishing up him self, and also, his stable man, Johnson or weather, on Sunday 23rd of March last past. — And for fishing without a license, and catching Frost fish, last Friday when talking to you while in his buggy, he has his fish and Frost fish in the buggy. I did not get any of his fish, last night, and he later on. —

Will you be pleased to tell him, I must have ten dollars, in case fee from him, for this year immediately; as Licenses must be first paid; and he must not any more set nets to the mouth of the Chamber than Mr. John Banks would. —

And he cannot set any more in the Chamber, nor in the Marsh ponds, of the Chamber, as Mr. A. L. Sticks, has got the Licenses of the Chamber altogether to himself. —

Mr. Nurse, was also reported to me, for shooting ducks on Sundays; please advise him as a friend to me up all such illegal practices; for the past I will not take any proceedings against him, but advise him to be careful in future: He can fish his thousands of pounds of Herring, White fish, and Salmon Trout, and take gill nets, and haul his seine to his hearts content, and have the shiners and Hobbicoke, all to himself, only obey my orders. — and observe and obey the Sabbath law, and Fishery and Game laws in future. —

And with my kind and best regards, to you both, believe me. Very sincerely Y^{rs}. I. P. H. New

Hamilton, Onto.

1st April 1879. —

P.S. Have you got Jas. Simpson's license. I sent you I heard Wiley Ward, was amongst the gill net bukkers in the Bay. — See David Ward, I could only get (10th) struck off his boat license for this year. —

I wish you and Mr. Ward to read over carefully the written part of your respective licenses, and faithfully obey every thing contained therein, and avoid all law offences.

Mr. B. Gray
The Chamber
Toronto

See

3. April 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft,
+ No. 610, for fifteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for a
Seine License, at the Free White Neck, in Lake Ontario,
Township of Niagara, and County of Lincoln? The License I
understand to be made out in the name of Robert John
Latham, Town of Niagara, the Seine⁵ will be 400 yards
long.

The fishing ground is the same as that heretofore oc-
cupied by Mr James Bauburn, of Niagara; and which
he abandoned altogether last year, and refused to take
out a license. -

The amount sent for this current year, is \$5.

Chrys. albicincta

3 March 76.

Schmidt, Hans
F. O.

4. Sep. 1899. —

475. a note payable to L. J. Savage & Co. on order
at their Office - Mendocino on 15th December
negotiated without discount.

100. A Note of appreciation to L. H. Sawyer & Co., on order,
at their office - Hamilton, on 10, Dec. 1890.

I trust at 7. per cent upon \$1000 July 1878.

very dear Sir

and I have the honor to inform you, that I consider five dol
lars sufficient for the purchase of fishing apparatus
; more especially as Complaint has been made of
you for catching and selling fish, without a license.

John C. Hays, N. Y. Co. Gen.

$\frac{1}{2}$ 42
John W. Kern
D.O.

Hamilton

Received of the Treasurer of the University of California, \$10.00, June 1879.

$\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 40.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$ at 100°C and 1 atm . $\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 44.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$ at 100°C and 1 atm .

Answer: The value is 200.

$$0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$$

L. J.

5. April 1879.

I enclose the bills to send you a draft No. 018. for the sum of eight dollars.

Have you been to apply for this amount; as follows, this current season and send me the license, as soon as convenient.

To fish one series each only; -

1. Isaac Overholt, of Jordan, township of South; - To a license having license for to fish, an 80 yard series, in the twenty mile pond, on Wisconsin flats, south of the R. R. Ry. for rough fish. So, up to the 10th June next, the amount is, - \$5.00.

2. Asa Beards, of Sherburne, township of Sherburne, and County of Willard. To a license to fish one line 75 yards long, in Lake Erie, in front of lot 10, 9, in the first Concession of Sherburne, for this current year. 3.00.

Total, \$8.00

I may have mentioned for your information, that Mr. Abraham H. Cobb, of Clinton, has already received a license for the current year of the 20 mile pond, and the flats referred to, above the R. R. bridge. - But he has never hauled there, and has no objection to this license being issued to Overholt, as no application for, being that he has leased Wisconsin flats including the flats. -

I have &c.

John D. [unclear]
S. C.

Hon: Mr. [unclear]

Thursday, 3rd. April 1879.

At Winona, as regular, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 7. p. m. Miles 36. Ry fare 4.00 \$1.00

Postage stamps 30

Expenses 1.00
do - 1.00

June 1879

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and
wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are
well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but
I am glad to hear from you. I am sure you are
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10. April 1879.

In reply to the petition of the Fishermen on N. beach, who have during a long and severe winter, with their families suffered and are still suffering privations and want, in consequence thereof, &c. - And who have petitioned that they have reason to believe their condition would be ^{temporarily} improved were they permitted to fish for Sterring and Bucklers with draw nets, in that part of N. bay, immediately inside of the Canal leading thereto, from said Lake and outside of the marshes, and spawning places therein. - And now referred to me by you to report upon. - -

I have the honor to report that under the circumstances set forth in the said petition, which I believe is correct, -

I can see no good reason why! seine hauling be discontinued in N. bay, on the old established grounds therein. - -

I could have no profitable objection whatever in reporting, and recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be at once granted for to fish there, under a license of \$5 each, say up to the 10th day of June next.

And as there does appear to me, to be no reason for hair splitting in a case of this kind, I would also respectfully recommend that the catching of all kinds of rough fish, and Sterring be permitted. - - -

It is absolutely necessary for to keep in tact, all the old established fishing stations, and the fishery reserve in N. bay, N. beach, if only to relieve the wants of our fishermen, in similar cases of this nature by permitting privileges of fishing for short periods, where as in this case necessity demands it, and so prevent the fishery reserve being applied for, for other purposes. - and with much respect

I have &c
John W Kerr
F. a.

Hon: Minister
V. Y. Y.

Tuesday, 8. April 1879.

On N. bay - all day, and night Catching bass. Got also Whitebel, Commiphens of Gishes - searched the lower end of bay - found four pieces of gill nets - see my report of 14th instant, - p. 36. -
Leam 3.50 Boat dinner tea and breakfast for two C. J. Kerr - with me. -

9 attending the net
10. a storm. -
11. Dredge net home Leam

My dear Sir,
I have just been informed, that you set out your gill nets last night, and caught, besides fish, pickled, and one large white fish.

I wish to refer you to my notice dated 13, of February last, posted on Tom. Mooney's fish house.

If course I am not going to give you, but as every man in this year, has paid for this license for you this year, except you, and Jack Bolton, I thought I would write you. Don't fish within 12 miles of any Seine hauling ground. Report, ground, goes up to the one, which has paid 15¢ for your other ground.

Hamilton, Ont.
10. April 1879

Yrs. truly
John H. H. H. H.
O.A.

John James Campbell,
Magician.

John Breunau Esq. ¹⁶/₁₁ Dunbarton Ont.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 10th, and in reply to your application for the fishery referred to; I have to inform you, that if you will send me five dollars, the usual license fee; I will at once apply to the Fish Dept. Ottawa; and recommend that a license be at once granted to you; and in fact - stop to all dangerous to you, &c. in a future.

I may mention for your own information, that a petition, signed by the Bounty Judge, John: Thos: H. Gibb, for Magistrates and others, was recently laid before the Hon. the Minister, &c. in Joe Bluck's journal. Please answer at once.

Hamilton Ont.
10. April 1879.

Yrs. truly
John H. H. H.
O.A.

Saturday, 12 April 1879.

John has all night searching for gill nets. J. H. Corey and C. J. Ross, with me searched and found only one piece of gill net set. See my report of 14 instant sent out at 5 p.m. Came in at 5 a.m. on Sunday morning -
Mile 30. 149 B - 150 -

7, April 1879.

With reference to my last report to you, of the 31st of March, in relation to the removal of Boat House and Reels, off the Seine fishing beach (reserve) of the Niagara River, at the mouth of the said reserve, ^{as indicated and} placed there by John Bolton, and his sons, - contrary to the express wishes (and orders) of Messrs. Thos. Elliot and Coys, the present licensees, of said River. -

I have now the honor to submit for your further information a letter from John Bolton in answer to mine of 24th ult., a copy sent you, received only by me 5th April, and as this letter in its tone does not alter in any manner; the reports heretofore submitted to you, on this subject by me, I beg most respectfully to recommend that Messrs. John Bolton, and his brother Charles, be ordered by you to remove the Boat House, and Reels complained of, forthwith.

Messrs. Bolton as his letter implies left the matter with the Hon. the Minister, to decide finally upon. - - -

Messrs. Bolton says in his letter herewith; "My Reels &c. have been on said ground 10. years." - and they do not interfere with Thomas Elliot & Coys's fishing."

In reply to this, I have to report, this is not quite correct, as regards the number of years, but by an Act, passed a few years ago, by the Provincial Government, of Ontario, Toronto; setting forth that where a person is 10 years in possession of any property, and no demand having been made for it, during this period of years, the person occupying the same, can claim it as his own property. If this is what Messrs. John Bolton, aims at, I must say this law however, would not apply, in this case, as the Beach, whereon the Boat House is, and the Reels are, is still Government property, under the control of the Fisheries Department. - So much in reply to Messrs. Bolton's 10. years assertion, and because they obstructed and interfered with, Thos. Elliot, and Coys in their fishing business; in having fish traps and dragon heads, on the beach, and polluting the waters of the Niagara River, licensed by Mr. Thos. Elliot, is the reason, why, he was determined to have the Boat House and Reels removed in the first place 18 months ago. -

Messrs. Bolton's letter continues; - "The late Captain Dick, leased from Government, some five acres of land, upon which the Queens Royal Hotel; was built, they fenced in the same, land, to the waters edge, and as you are aware my Boat House and Reels are on the said ground; Messrs. McFar and Minnet, are the Lessees, at present of the Hotel, and they have no objection to me having the said Boat House and Reels, on the said land. - - -

In reply to all this, I must say it is a flat contradiction and I have the honor to report, that the fishing boats, on which the boat houses and sheds are placed, are not on the five acres of land, leased by the Dominion Government to the late Capt. Dickson. They are on the Ireland beach, outside of the fence, and are between the banks of the Niagara River, and the picket fence, that at present encloses the five acres of land on the River side, on which the Queen's Hotel now stands. This is admitted by Mr. Molton, my former agent, as true and correct.

The late Captain Dickson, never claimed any jurisdiction on this beach, outside of this fence, and between it, and the waters edge of the River. As to my certain knowledge, when Captain Dickson, wished to place a boat house, bathing house, and a wharf for ferry on this beach for the accommodation of the Boarders, who frequent this summer resort; "The Queen's Hotel" he asked permission from Mr. Thomas Wilson, and obtained it, before he placed on the beach these things just referred to.

It is now a matter of no moment, whether Mr. Wilson or Wainwright, have, or have no objection to Mr. John Molton having his Boat House and Sheds on the place comprised of, Ireland and Wainwright, occupying the five acres, and the Hotel, enclosed within the picket fence. The Boat House and Sheds are outside of the fence on the Ireland beach; the boat house being nearly as small as the one after repeated appeals made to them for help, could only say, "We have no objection to your using the shore." There is no legal authority given, that the Telegraph sent you by me, 3rd of March McGraw & Co., don't use the word land therein, as now stated by Mr. Molton in his letter, but they use the word shore, over which they have no control whatever, and this is the only legal authority just recently got hold of that Mr. John Molton, has to fall back upon. —

Mr. Molton, in his letter continues, I have also leased from the Corporation of the Town of Niagara the ferry, between Niagara and Youngstown, N. Y. — for which I pay, the sum of \$40. — per annum. The boat house is really necessary for me to keep my boats in and I do think it would be very unjust to compel me to remove the same. —

In reply to all this special pleading I must report, that it has no bearing whatever on the Ireland or Lewis landing beach, the question now at issue. — The ferry of which Mr. Molton talks and of which he has charge is up the River, opposite Youngstown and there is ample room there for ferry boats, and boat houses, and there is a ferry house, already provided

then by the Corporation of Niagara; and I present, to the fit, and proper place, for Mr John Bolton as Ferryman to keep his boats. - -

However, I may report, that at present, Mr John Bolton, keeps his ferry, and Ferry house, at the Niagara Customs dock, instead of at the regular place set apart, and which is about ~~for a mile near~~ Youngstown, than the Boat House and docks are. - -

Mr Bolton, in his letter still continues: as I do not in any way, interfere, with the fishing ground, as a hauling ground, and it does seem to me, strange, that I am the only person singled out, for, as you are aware, I am not the only person who has Boat Houses on said premises. - -

In reply to all this, I have again to report, and I must contradict Mr Bolton, asserting, by stating that this New Boat House, put up by him, during the past winter, he was warned not to build there, and the Boat House, &c, are still on the ground, licensed for hauling ground, set apart for fishing purposes; as to Mr Bolton being singled out, there is nothing of the kind, and less in the expression. -

As to Mr Bolton being singled out, there is nothing of the kind, and less in the expression. - -

The term unjust, used by Mr John Bolton, is in no way applicable, - as all through the whole, every one concerned have acted in this case with much forbearance towards Mr John Bolton. -

As regards the other persons referred to having boat Houses, on the said premises, I will take the liberty of reporting that a few years ago, the House and premises, at present owned and occupied by Mr Thos. Elliot, was owned by the Bank of Upper Canada, Mr Elliot being then Lessee but he has since purchased and paid for it, the Boat House and docks referred to now by Mr Bolton, being on the premises at that time, are still permitted to remain there by Mr Elliot, and as you know, I am aware you in the same hauling fishing ground, but on the other side, Mr James Cantwell, and Mr Thomas Burke, private property. -

Therefore you will observe, Mr Bolton has nothing to complain of, in that respect. -

Mr Bolton in his letter concludes by saying, I am prepared to let the matter be decided by the Hon. the Ministers of Marine & Fisheries and I think I can show

that I am not in any way infringing on the rights of others. I will not. If I am I shall cheerfully comply with the order from the Department and remove the same. -

In respect to this admission I strongly recommend that the Hon. the Minister will be pleased to order Mr. John Bolton to remove the Boat House, and heels immediately, and that until he complies with your orders, he shall not obtain a license to fish. -

In conclusion, I have to apologize; I send you Bolton's letter for your perusal. -

With much due respect, -

Hon. the Minister
Y. Y. Y.

I have to,
John H. Kerr,
D.O.

30, April 1879. -

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend that the fishing station at the Four Mile Creek, in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara, occupied recently by Mr. Abraham H. Frobb, be removed for this season to Mr. James Cantwell, of Niagara at fifteen dollars, for this season for the purpose of fishing there in white fish. Series 200 yards long. -

The description to be the same as that given in Frobb's last license. -

I have to report that Mr. Cantwell got disgruntled and discontented last year, and gave up his ground which was leased to Robert John Allen of Niagara this year. -

I have just returned from Niagara fisheries, and altho' I had cause to apprehend everything was not going on right there; still, I am happy to report now that I found everything, so far, is being legally carried on, the white fish are in great abundance, and the prospect is at present, that the fishermen will have a good and plentiful take there, this season. -

I deem it also to report that the fish are of an excellent sample, most even like in size and symmetry, that I have seen caught by the fishermen of Niagara, for some years past, and all seem busy in catching their fish share of them. -

I feel much pleasure in being in a position to report this favorable change for the better, for your information. -

Hon. the Minister
Y. Y. Y.

John H. Kerr
D.O.

10. May 1879.

I have the honor to report that I have the honor to send you, Bank draft No. 25, for the sum of Ten dollars. —

I will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year. —

1. Mr. G. L. Sturges. The Sturges, — Township of Etobicoke, — For a boat license to fish 1400 yards of lot to fish for Sturgeon gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Etobicoke including 400 yards fish gill nets to be fished in the Sturges, and Charles Sturges, the latter to expire on the 3rd of May 1879. — already received and delivered. — Amount is — 5.00.

2. — Charles Sturges, The Sturges, in the township of Etobicoke; For a boat license to fish 1400 yards of White fish and Sturgeon gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Etobicoke. —

Also a small boat 120 yards long, for suckers, and gillnets, in Lake Ontario, between Hicks wharf and the Mission, during season of 1879. — amount is 5.00

Please send me License for — Total \$ 10.00

Charles Sturges. —

I remain &c.

Hon: Minister, of
H. H. H.

John W. Kerr
2.0.

My dear Sir,

Will you be so good as to get Mr. David Wards, of 36, in the Wm. Woodlands # 10, from Mr. Doyle and send it to me. —

and with my kind regards to Mrs. Gray Wilkey and yourself,

Yours truly,
John W. Kerr

John W. Kerr. 2.0
2. May 1879.

inserted in paper 25

The Journal of William Lloyd Garrison

Will you be pleased to apply this amount in payment of
this account please;

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|----|---|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1. | John H. Kelley, of Truchman: | For a boat from the fish 500, | |
| | yards of fishing net & a canoe paid of lot 87.50. | 100.00 | |
| | of Truchman during the season of May, including 20 shrimps per | | |
| | also; also the privilege of fishing a 50 yard line at the mouth | | |
| | of the San Mateo Creek, for brothers say, up to 24 shrimps per | 5.00. | |
| 2. | Thomas Mansfield of Truchman Bay, he is to be | | |
| | the same as last year's amount, - - sent on April 1st. | 2.00. | |
| 3 | Manning House, East Glanboro', 'For spending license up to | | |
| | 20. April, delivered. | 9.00. | |
| 4. | R. J. Hawkins - Hamilton, | do do , | 6.00. |
| | | Total | 49.00. |

Hon: Minister

June 4,
John W Kerr
D. O.

14. April 1879.

I have the honor to report, that on last Tuesday night, the 7th, inst. I discharged Joe, and found about 300 yards of pike gill nets set in the lower east end of B. bay, Lotkeges pond, and King Creek; I gave this quantity of gill net, divided into four parts, set in different localities. ---

And in these nets, I found five pike and four suckers.

I have also to report, that on last Saturday night, I got 30 yards of pike gill net, set in a small Cove, lower end of the Bay, it had 3 pike, and a speckled bass therein.

I have to report that I have Confiscated these gill nets. I may also report for your information, that gills are very numerous in the Bay, and Sandus Marsh, this spring. --

I do not think there is yet, any more gill nets set in the bay! The ice is just disappearing... I was obliged to use a Long point, punt, so as, to enable me to search nooks, corners and crannies of the Bay, near Long Creek, or I do not think, I would have been so successful... after a little, I may find some gill nets when the ice disappears.

Mon: Minutes.

Chas. G. C.
John W. Cress
Dr. C.

My dear Sir,
 I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am
 glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope this
 letter will find you the same. I am very much interested
 in the progress of the work and hope to hear from you
 soon.

Yours very truly,
 J. H. Mearns
 16 May 1879

17 April 1879.
 To Mr. J. H. Mearns, Arizona - Mohave
 I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am
 glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope this
 letter will find you the same. I am very much interested
 in the progress of the work and hope to hear from you
 soon.

18 April 1879.
 On the 16th and 20th miles Creek. - Found all night,
 got 34 Beas from Mr. J. H. Mearns, and arranged to
 get more from A. H. Cobb, went out at 8,
 6. m. came in at 7. p. m. miles 72. My fare
 1.50. 14.4 W. 1.50. 2.00

Pat. Gray, and Chris were hauling on
 their horses.

Friday 18 April 1879.
 On the 16. and 20. miles Creek. - Found all night,
 got 34 Beas from Mr. J. H. Mearns, and arranged to
 get more from A. H. Cobb, went out at 8,
 6. m. came in at 7. p. m. miles 72. My fare
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Write J. H. Mearns 19, inst. as respects
 your letter.

I received your letter with the letter which, as I have said, was dated 18th April, and your telegraph to know if you could get me fishing as you can best arrange for yourself.

I may mention that I duly received your letter on the 5th of April, in reply to mine of 11th of March last, which I duly sent to the Hon. the Minister in regard to your building the new boat house in front of your house on the fishing Reserve of the Niagara Park, occupied by Thomas Elliott.

This evening I received an official reply from the Indian Dept. in which I take the earliest opportunity of sending you.

The Minister's decision dated 17th April 1879, reads: "The Department cannot prolong correspondence about the Moltons' unauthorized occupation of the fishing Reserve at Niagara."

"If you do not remove your off it at once you will not be, but no fishing license whatever will be given to him while this matter is settled."

I give you the Hon. Minister's decision word for word, and I must hope you will obey his orders.

Believe me, Sir,
Yours truly,
John Molton,
Fisherman,
Niagara.

John W. Kent
18th April 1879.

P.S. I telegraphed the Hon. Minister's decision the moment it arrived to you if you wish to obey his orders, please let me know.

If on the contrary, let me know as I can send you back your license. But in no case can you fish any more until you remove the Boat House and tools.

John Molton,
Fisherman,
Niagara.

18th April 1879.

Yours received, with \$15, which you returned Boat House and tools off the fishing Reserve at Niagara at once; the fishing license whatever will be given to you, and you cannot fish any more until you do so, I will write you.

John W. Kent
T. Molton

License of the Range.

It is of importance for to preservation of suckers and mullets, in our waters, that some protection be given to these fish in the rivers and creeks, during the spawning season, as is apprehended that the granting of licenses to kill them in the Credit or other streams frequented by Salmon will only encourage the destruction of spawning fish, and will eventually exterminate them in the Lake. --

Suckers and mullets are highly esteemed by certain classes of the community, and as they can be obtained at much cheaper prices than almost any other kinds of fish, it is evident that they are entitled to some protection. --

When caught in the lake they are by no means an unpalatable food, but when taken as they usually are in the rivers, and rivers being gravid, they are almost useless for the table. --

You must therefore in future as Licensee of the Range, as far as possible stop all ~~angling~~ ^{wading} and net fishing of all description, and the spearing or shooting of (pike) suckers, mullets, pike, &c. -- in the waters of the Range, and the measures thereof, that has of late years been carried on there to such success, as no licenses or permits for such fishing will be given or granted any more, as the privilege has been abused. --

It is besides stated that most of the persons who engage in this fishing are not farmers, but individuals who prefer lounging about a stream in preference to performing legitimate work, and ready at a moment's notice for spearing and bagging fishing. --

The following contains, and is given to me as the Command of him and belief of the Hon. Sec. Minister of the Interior, as Licensee (see Section 15,) and mine to enforce his Orders, and this Section of the Act. --

Now those people who have been heretofore engaged at sucker and mullet fishing &c. that they must stop forthwith. -- and if they will persist in doing so, you must take down their names, residences, and dates of offence, &c. and report to me at once. -- You will have to take no course. --

Hamilton Ont.

J. Johnston
J. C.

P.S. We have not it for anyone and your own fishing.

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21. April 1899.

We will refer you to that part of your letter of the 14th inst., &c. - It is our intention to draw your ~~letter~~ attention to the statement in your letter that the Boston Light has been observed in the harbor, and also collected the evidence.⁹⁰

Why do you not proceed against him, with
the military law?

This can be done at any time within two years,
at the time of Comptroller's last office. -

Adiantum

I have the honor to report, that I have so
already, at the time the offence was committed,
when Mr. Boston was given for the offence,
which he paid. -

helps² Elliot, and that, were witnesses against him. — Mr. Geo. Allen's evidence proved the same conclusively against Mr. Bolton, and hence why Bolton has ever since that trial, been so over-
bearing and dominating; and which by your decision of the 17th instant, I do hope a final stop will be put to his extraordinary conduct. —

I communicated your decision to him by tele-
graph, and also wrote him.

Mar 9, 1880

- I have no
John W. Lewis
Grove

Telegraph 38 ct
 do 25 ct

Monday, 21. April 1879.

at Jordan, accompanied by Mr. Alex. Neely,
got 60 fish B. bass - and speckled, and 2 large
bass from Ab. 14. Gobb, license 20 with
pond. - 14 & Wagon by 2, My fare 3.00
Freight on fish to Toronto 20.00 dinner 25,
shells about 70. - Tin pail 20¢, Rubber pipe 1.00
Small boy 20¢, put back 2.00 and small
Dunk 1.50, and the rest of 2.00 -

Postage 25 c.

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15.25

Copy of the Canada Gazette dated, Ottawa, Monday, April 12th, 1875, and therein you will find the Regulation in Council, dated Saturday 3rd day of April 1875, still in force, by which you will learn that the close season for pickering in Ontario is between the 15th of April, and the 15th of May, in each year.

By Section 19, of the Fishery Act, page 16. The Governor in Council, Law make regulations, &c. &c. &c.

And Sub Section 2. of Section 19, is the authority under which you produce the Canada Gazette.

Under Section 16, the fine is imposed. I don't see any obstacle in the way; as the Law is very clear for this Honor.

Will you be pleased to find out, and let me know who this man is, you are prosecuting, and the name of the man, from whom he got the pickering, and with kind regards,

21, April 1879.

Y^{rs} Sincerely
Schubert

S.O.

please read Section 10, and also Section 11th.

also,
Read Sub Section 2, of Section 16,

and
Sub Section 4, of Section 16.

Recd. Sir

Mr. J. J. Gregory complains to me - "There is a gill net now stretched across the entire width of the Canal at Port Belknap's contrary to Statute Law as I read it, but to belong to Peter Nath of that place."

The net is nearly opposite his House within the piers. Hoping you will attend to it & will ever remain your servant,
J. J. Gregory.

Now it does appear to me most extraordinary that you cannot be a fisherman, except you continually break the Law. Take the gill net away go through, and don't set there again & I will be obliged to submit your name to the Hon. The Minister, and have your name struck off the list of fishermen. I cannot say whether Mr. J. J. Gregory wishes that I should prosecute or not. I shall most certainly do it in Peter Nath's case.

Y^{rs} Sincerely
Schubert

22, April 1879

Sent close season Notices away this 23rd of April 1879. -

1. Thos. Harris. Streetsville. -
2. Thos. Mansfield. Y. Maus bay.
3. Wm. Woodard. Leslie. -
4. Jas. Cantwell. Niagara.
5. John Bolton. do. -
6. David Ward. Toronto. -
7. R. Gray. do.
8. J. & Mrs Charlotte Reid. P^r Credit.
9. L. H. Beal. Grantham
10. Peter Bath. Ch. Balhousie.
11. John W. Ramsey. Montic P.O.
12. Harry Sheppard. Inceston
13. Mat. Christian. J^r Erie.
14. Thos. Elliot. Niagara
15. Ab. H. Cobb. Jordan Stn
16. Pat Hall. Winona.
17. O. L. Hicks. Elmira P.O.

Immediate

My dear Sir,

My notice sent you today. You will give close season for bass from 15 of April to 15 of May; so that you must not catch any more of them. -

Whatever you may have in the boxes liberate them alive at once, and please tell Gilbert, Lyson and Overholt to do the same. -

If they want any more at Ottawa they can be caught in other time.

Ab. H. Cobb
J. H. D.
Jordan Station.

John W. Ramsey & Co.
23. April 1879.

Telegraphs 50¢.

paper 25¢.

My dear Sir

24 April 1879

Your letter received. I am young Wilmut to mind his own business in the Bank; and you pay no attention whatever to what he says, and if he interferes with you anymore, I will lay his conduct before the father. - You are fishing under the privilege of a License from the Fishery Dept. under my immediate supervision and he has nothing to say about it. I - father wont interfere in the matter so fish away and catch all the fish you can. -

John Threlkeld
Whitby

F. H.

John Threlkeld
F. H.

Sir

30 April 1879

I have the honor to report that on Thursday I found in the possession of Mr. Alexander Fish dealer Hamilton, Esq., young white fish which he told me he had just brought from Bluff Lake in Wisconsin on No. 10 boat; -

Will's Alexander whom I charged before James Collier Esq., M.P. that state of the City of Hamilton was found one year, one dollar and eighty five cents, and the fish were confiscated and given to the poor. -

Mr. Fish and John Lauffe, who illegally caught those white fish in a throwing gill net, and without a license for fishing gill nets in L. Ontario were fined each two dollars, and four dollars each each, - On yesterday morning I found nineteen more young white fish enclosed in John Lee House, a fish, part of the fish caught on Wednesday last. -

I have been sent in a certain place in Ontario where a house to fish - not for the purpose of fishing but for the purpose of fishing are poor after a severe winter, I would most respectfully have submitted this matter to you for to have their names struck off the list of licensed fishermen for 1879. - I have given them a notice to the effect that in consequence of their offence they are no longer licensed. -

John Threlkeld

F. H.

John Threlkeld

Let

26 April 1849,

I have the honor to send you herewith receipt for \$50.00 for the sum of \$50.00.

and am pleased to apply this amount, as follows, for this current year.

1. Messrs. Gray, and Ward, for license to seine boat on South Island, received, and delivered, amount now sent is from the Petrie Gray - 20.00.
2. Mr. Petrie Gray - South Island, for seine hauling in cove in Lake Ontario, west of the Chambers - received & del. 10.00.
3. Mr. Montgomery, Toronto, for best license, to fish fish in Lake, in Ontario, as Gray - same as last year. 10.00.
4. Messrs. Mansfield, & Buchanan's Bay, balance of his license fee, for 14. April, already received, remitted, 14. April, of 2. - 5.00.
5. Mr. H. Goss, W. Beach, for license to fish a seine 200 yards long, on lots 3. and 4, in W. Bay, on W. M. H. for Luckey, and Murray, and other small fish the same to expire on the 10th of June next. 5.00.
6. Messrs. Lewis, B. Beach, for license to fish a seine 200 yards long, on lot 7, in W. Bay, on W. M. H. for Luckey and Murray, and other small fish, the same to expire on the 10th of June next. 5.00.
7. Mr. Schell, Red Hill, for license - same as last year. 5.00.

Wm. H. H. H.

I have to
Schell's Hall
5.00

Saturday, 26 April 1849.

At South, the Island, and in the South Island, we have seen boys 3, and 4, not to fish for herring any more in the 6th, under penalty of being fined - \$2.40, see 25, done 25, and 25, but not \$2. fine. Petrie Reid \$2. - Miles 56.

Sunday 27 April 1849.

At South, Ashbridge Bay, on Petrie - went out at 9 a.m. came back at 4 p.m. called on David Woods, - he was out, found that Chas. Pier's all has commenced to build a small house for shooting on the fishing preserve at the Point - mile 16. Went to see 1. Point, same as last year \$1.

Monday, 28, April 1879, -
 at Toronto, and Hamilton, thence home, went out at
 6 a.m. came in at 5.30, p.m. Miles 44,
 Breakfast 25 dinner 20 -

Hamilton,

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of today,
 complaining that Charles Meice, of Toronto, had commenced
 to build a house on your fishing station, at the south east
 bend, Toronto Bay, and Lake Ontario. -

I may here inform you, that I was at the place
 referred to, on yesterday, and I saw the preparation, that it
 is being made to erect a shanty there, for the accommodation
 of boats. -

Now then, what you will require to do is, give
 Mr Meice notice to remove the lumber forthwith off
 the Fishing Reserve, and if he does not do so, you
 will have to remove him off, for a trespass, and
 also Patrick Gray, and Mr. D. who have a license
 for the same fishing ground, and when fish there,
 must report you in abstracting this nuisance and tres-
 pass, go to see him on receipt of this letter. -

And please send me the result of your
 interview immediately.

Yours faithfully,
 Mr. James Simpson
 No. 92, Bank St.
 Toronto

Yours faithfully,
 John W. Kerr
 S.O.
 28, April 1879,

Tuesday, 29, April 1879, #2

At St. Catharines, examined the Market, and found
 that the White fish, reported to me by Mr. Hawkins, as
 Young White fish, were not so, but nice good Mar-
 ketable fish, of a pretty even sample; There were
 seven Wagon loads in, and the fish were all the
 same; Thence to Niagara, examined the fish caught,
 they were a pretty sample; Jack Bolton was fish-
 ing, we made a haul - I was present, he caught about
 100 fish, Herring and White fish, and a pike. - I told him
 he might fish on, and I had applied for his license,
 went out at 1 a.m. came in at 11. Miles 50,
 My fare #2. 544 1/2 #1. Breakfast 40, dinner, tea
 and bed 75 # -

Dear Sir,

28. April 1879.

I have the honor to report that about every day during the past week, there splendid halibut were seen at Black Lake, in the River. —

I would thank you to get for me a set of 100, printed slips, containing people who have been seen to fish any more in the River and Black Lake, with nets, for the River and Black Lake. —

I am sure such a notice coming from the Department and signed by the Commissioner will have a good and beneficial effect in the communities. —

I and the President are actually engaged in writing and warning people not to fish in the streams, for fish, with nets of any kind, but I feel a printed notice, to post up, is much needed. —

I would thank you most desired for a copy of the Gazette, publishing the close season, for halibut, white fish, and salmon trout. I, as I may require to see it in evidence very shortly. —

Yours faithfully,

I have to

John W. Brown

P.S.

Dear Sir,

28. April 1879.

I have the honor to report that, John Brown, of Niagara, fisherman, having taken down the Black Lake, has been seen fishing with nets in my own mind at least, that he will remain and soon remove the other two nets if seen off the River at Niagara. I am very much surprised to hear that a boat has been seen to fish a line 250 yds long, he issued to him by the Department for the fishing station at the Lake. He has taken the boat, for the current season at the rate of \$100.00 dollars for the same. The description to be the same as last year. —

I have to

John W. Brown

P.S.

Wednesday, 30. April 1879. —

At Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton, went out at 7. A.M. Came in at 5.30. p.m. \$4.00 W^{ts} 2.00. Breakfast in dinner 60¢ of \$1.00 & 46. —

Sir,

21 April 1879.

I have the honor to report that on Saturday last, before dawn (about 6 A.M.) - Hamilton Island, Ontario, was found to be dotted, over its whole surface, with young white fish in the water, without a house on Lake Ontario, on Wednesday, 23rd of April instant, in consequence of the fish's not being taken.

I am greatly pleased, in the best manner, to have to present report in the immense quantities of young white fish this year, in Lake Ontario, in the strict mode to be established by me, for their protection.

To night, I leave by a clock train, for St. Catharines, where I expect to meet Mr. Rogers in the market, selling some young white fish, which I intend to seize and confiscate; and follow up, by imposing fines upon every person engaged in catching and killing them; and if this will not stop it, I must the next time they offend, submit their names, and recommend that they be struck off the list of licensed fishermen.

I Have &c.

Johnd D. Kerr
D.O.

Sir,

1st May 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a dozen more of the glass season tickets, of the 2nd of April last, for the bank settlers of my division. And also please send me two packages of large, and one package of small official envelopes, and you will greatly oblige me.

I Have &c.

Johnd D. Kerr
D.O.

Sir,

21 May 1899.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14th inst. Is there any necessity for you or Wardens interfering with catching suckers and mullets in Creeks, the same as allowed in B. Bay, if other fish are not caught, such as have for beds at these times, explain? -

In reply, I have the honor to report, that in my Report for 1898, I drew your attention to persons fishing for Mulletts and Suckers in the Salmon Rivers and Creeks, "with the sanction of the Department", and its injurious effects on the Salmon fry, and the fishermen, in the sales made of these fish. -

In the 29. day of March last, I addressed to you a letter on this subject again, recommending what I then believed is my duty in this sucker and mullet fishing business, as regards the Salmon Creeks in my Division. -

I now respectfully refer you to that letter. -

I subsequently received your letter of the 16th of April last, on the preservation of suckers and mullets, and this letter, I promulgated to the Wardens, and others, and I am aware that they have been acting on these instructions, and I have done so myself. -

It is a very necessary thing, for to see men in Salmon Creeks, about the time young Salmon are hatching out, splashing about with poles, and about the Salmon beds, the rapids, and deep holes in Salmon Creeks, without some restriction being in force, to stop all such reckless proceedings, particularly so, when it afterwards comes to light, large Salmon as well as Suckers &c, are caught on such occasions. -

Catching suckers in the Creeks is quite a different matter when compared with being for them, in B. Bay, and Lake Ontario, where Salmon and Salmon fry, are not interfered with. -

My report of the 28. of April last will have shown you that Spring Salmon, had, as I anticipated they would, made their appearance in the Credit River at Streetsville. -

Your public Notice, of the 2nd of April last, distinctly states: "Net or seine fishing without License is prohibited?" -

And as the Buckers and skulls to, are not
in the Fisheries Act, I was very much
pleased on the receipt of your letter of 16. April
which pointed out to me that those fish at
certain seasons were valuable fish, and good food,
and in spring time sell very well, and prove at
that time a great boon to the poorer fishermen.

I am assured that if my recommendation in my report for year ending 31. Dec: 1878. and of my report of 27. of March last, was adopted by you and that persons were only permitted to fish for, and catch suckers, and mullets, under the legal restrictions of the law and my personal advice, &c. it would give general satisfaction.

I am convinced farmers do not (always) catch them at all times for their value, but merely for fun and sport, which is rather an expensive business, when salmon, and salmon trout are to be found for sustenance in Grandt Creek, 12, or 16 mile creeks, Hibbard Ck, Pine Range, Huffer's Creek, and Lyons Creek, -

These is a class of people, who catch
breakers. Ye. and every kind of fish, and who
sell them, and these people may be properly
styled lawyers.

And with due respect,

W. J. Whitaker

Consequences of

W. D. Lewis

I have Fe

To her little Son

Sunday, 4. May 1879. —

at S. Bridge, Kingston, B. & P. The Gov.
and Sir Miles G. - warned John Rolfe Allen
and James Lamb and crew, not to fish un-
til 5 o'clock, a.m. - as per order in order of 25
April 1879 - from John Rolfe Allen and crew being hap-
py at 1/4 to 1 o'clock, a.m., on Monday morning.
Took the boat, and fish into my possession, subject
to W. & K. J. & P. division, went out at 10.30 a.m.
and was at 5.30 a.m. - 1/2 o'clock, a.m. By 1/2 o'clock, a.m. - dinner, tea,
and bed 1/2. Home at 1/2 o'clock, a.m. - went down the
road to John Rolfe, at the Machine. in over-look
myself, for a ship, and a ship.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter complaining of Mr Samuel Barton, and others, for killing you, and holding speckled trout during the month of April in the water of the Gillies Act.

Will you be pleased to supply me with the names of all the persons offending the Act on which the offence was committed, and the names of the persons who can prove each case, and I will immediately come to Milton, and arrange with you, prosecute the offenders and give them the due sentence.

Yr. Obedt. Servt.
Milton K.O.
Esq. & Norton

Wm. W. Laro
Esq.
3. May 1879.

per 14. 1879

Sir,

6. May 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you for a copy of the Lease issued to the late Captain Bick and his party for some of land on which the Queens Royal Hotel has been erected in the Town of Niagara.

As I may require this lease in connection with the History of the Niagara River and the Niagara Falls it may be a sufficient that I should have a copy of this lease in my possession.

I believe the History Department of the Government of Ontario, quoted the lease referred to, to Captain Bick and the Queens Royal Hotel Company for the Town of Niagara.

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Wm. W. Laro
Esq.

Wm. W. Laro
Esq.
Milton, Ontario, the land on which you are referred to the lease referred to - your name is 14. 1879.

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6. May 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that by your Order, dated 10. of April 1877, you were pleased to grant the petition of the Niagara fishermen, giving them the privilege of using white fish seines of 3" mesh, in the Centre.

The fishermen at Niagara, have been this year, this season, fishing 3" mesh seines Centre, with much success, and are catching large quantities of marketable white fish daily, catching so many, that prices are low per hundred fish.

I have been thinking of the matter very much, and so as to prevent excessive fishing, I have now issued an Order that I will order the fishermen at Niagara, to put in their four inch Centres, by next Monday, when only the larger white fish will be then caught.

Less in number but larger in size will still bring better prices, and be more profitable to the fishermen in the end.

I submit this matter just for your approval.

The Hon:

The Minister,

H. H. H.

I have &c

John W. Kerr

O.A.

Monday, 5. May 1879.

At Niagara and the Fishing Stations, found that the white fish were numerous, and the take good. Jack Bolton, removed all his stuff of Elliotts Reserve, and I sent Telegraph, as below to Mr Whitaker - Miles 8, Breakfast dinner, tea and bed \$1. - -

Tuesday 6. May 1879. -

At Niagara, St Catharines and Hamilton, went out at 7.30, a.m., came in at 4.50. p.m. Miles 46. - Breakfast and dinner 75¢. 50. -

Thursday, 8. May 1879. -

At Port Credit, The Huron, and Toronto Island, saw Mr Murray, about Mr W. F. Whitaker's letter - got Charles Nurse - license fee from Mr Gray - see all particulars - in my report. Miles 48. My fare \$1.20. Breakfast, dinner tea, and bed \$1. Boat \$1. -

My dear Sir,

Yours received, with enclosure about muid. Mr. Cooper - I ^{have} got a similar complaint from him, and have asked him to give me all particulars when he furnishes me with this. I will immediately attend to him myself.

It is a difficult matter to have some of these people of power & influence, and to get them to do what they should do. I will see to it.

Yours faithfully,
John W. Kerr
12 May 1879.

Monday, 12 May 1879.

Mr. S. B. King, Niagara, visited the same for the purpose of organizing the fishing for white fish - prepared the following - orders for Elliot, Bolton, Allan, and Cantwell, went out 3 p.m. came in at 8 p.m. - Miles 60. My fare 2.75, tea and bed 50.

Thos: Elliot,

10 May 1879.

Fisherman

Niagara.

Prepare, and tell Cantwell, Allan,

Bolton - Elliot - to get and put in

four inch seines in their haul being

by 15⁰⁰ instant, and so stop excessive fishing.

My Order.

John W. Kerr

T. O. O. O.

original

Messrs John Bolton,

" Robert John Allan

" James Cantwell

Thos: Elliot, & Co.

Niagara -

The permission for to seine haul, for white fish, with a seine of a 3" mesh given by the Com. the Minister dated 10 April 1877.

to the Niagara fishermen is now cancelled - and after Friday next the 16⁰⁰ instant white fish being under section 9, sub section 3. of the Fishery Act, shall have meshes of not less than 4" inches extension measure. please govern yourselves strictly accordingly.

My order.

Hamilton, Ont.

12 May 1879.

John W. Kerr

T. O. O. O.

Sir,

2 May 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information that on the day of last week, viz. Sunday, I saw the fishing boats driven in the harbor, on the fishing reserve, and I saw at that place, in the afternoon, for building a small shanty, known as the Chain Reserve, which is at present under the name of Mr. Ward, lying in the harbor of Toronto, as licensed fishermen.

On Monday morning last I saw Mr. James Simpson, who made to me then, a verbal complaint against the use of the Chain Reserve for building purposes, as submitted by him, by building on the reserve. -- I directed Mr. Simpson to put his complaint, which he has done, in writing, and which you will please find now attached thereto. --

In reply to this, I wrote Mr. Simpson, asking him to see Mr. Charles Pearson, and to tell him, he must not build there on the fishing reserve. I now also attach Mr. Simpson's reply, also 2, stating Pearson, refuses to remove the shanty, as brought there for building purposes. -- I have also got letters from the Harbour Master, and other City officials, to not to build on the fishing reserve. --

I may report to you, that the House proposed to be built is for the accommodation of persons who go there, for shooting, and I hope you will be pleased to write the Municipal and Harbour Authorities of Toronto, and have this trespass to be removed, at once, immediately.

I may also report, in connection with this matter, that while there on last Sunday, I found Mr. Foreman, a City of Toronto official, there, with another young man, stopping at the bend, in another small shanty, which is on the fishing reserve; Mr. Foreman, said he was one day, and was stopping there for shooting purposes. Having guns, and shooting stiffs (3) there. --

The place is a regular rendezvous for the legal assemblies of shooters, on the Sabbath day, and it must be put a final stop to. --

In connection with this shanty, in which I found Mr. Foreman, I beg to report, that I had Mr. Charles Pearson, a dingy of Toronto, paid last year, for shooting, there, on a Sunday, while stopping in the shanty, where I found Foreman on last Sunday. --

And I further beg to report, that in the afternoon of last Sunday, when at the west point of Toronto Island, I heard the report of two shots fired in Ashbridge Bay. --

And I do hope that you will see the great necessity there is, of having those shooting blatties, not fishermen, immediately removed, which now appears, to be done, with the permission of certain City of Toronto officials.

It is most disgraceful to hear guns going off on every Sunday there, not taking into account, the trespass committed on the fishing reserve.

I may further add, that when I got there, on last Sunday, afternoon, Mr Foreman, and his Chum, were after dining on wild duck.

And when spoken to, about the shooting, he told me, I could examine the feathers.

And two other sporting characters put in their appearance in a skiff when I was leaving.

Wm. H. H. & Co.

Wm. H. H. & Co.

D. S.

Tuesday, 13. May 1879. -

at Niagara, the 2. and 4 mile Creek fishing went out at 4. a. m. came in at 10.30. p. m. Miles 15, Boat of 4. - breakfast dinner tea and bed 14. - posted up 2 Notices of 2. April 1879, Ottawa. -

Wednesday 14. May 1879.

at Niagara, St. Catharines and Hamilton, at the four mile Creek fishing, all night, went out 5.30. a. m. came in at 2. p. m. Miles 50. Breakfast and dinner 75¢ 144 W^m 50¢. Close season from 6. o'clock on Saturday to 6. o'clock following Monday, added in said

Friday 16. May 1879.

On B. beach, to see the fishermen, &c, see my letter of 17th instant, to the Hon. the Minister, went out at 8. a. m. came in at 6. p. m. - saw W^m Halper, and ordered him to remove lumber he put on the B. Beach fishing station also: 1 - for to build a Boat House, went to his boat House in Town - H. & B. 2, dinner for two 50¢. P. of H. & B. miles 30.

Sir,

24 April 1877,

I have the honor, to report that on yesterday at the Town of Ingersoll, County of Oxford, before A. M. Robertson Esq^r, Police, Magistrate; Mr W. P. James, Fruit dealer, there was fined one dollar and costs, for having pickled in his possession at Ingersoll, on the 19th April last season, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —

I have to report in connection with this case, that a barrel of pickled was received per Express from the fishermen: — Cashmere, River Thames, Northwell Ry Station; by Mr James, on the 15th instant, and these are the fish, the subject of this report. —

Mr James, reported the arrival of the fish to the Police Magistrate, who told James, to come with them, James put them in the public place, on Saturday, the 19th instant, when Mr A. A. Woodcock, Stationer of Ingersoll, and the Chief Constable of Police, acting on my advice, and the law, seized the fish, and confiscated them and gave them to the poor, — and reported to me; I sent up the case in Council to the Magistrate, hence with the above result. —

The P. Magistrate on reading the Regulation in Council, had no hesitation in imposing a fine, I attended the trial. —

In cases of this kind, the fishermen make a bargain with the dealers, thus! "You take the fish, run the risk, and give me, whatever you like for them." —

Now my plan is to put down all such unlawful reckless cases, and I know you will aid and assist me. —

I have also to report that on the 19th instant, at the Town of Ingersoll, two loads of fish, including pickled, were peddled there, brought from Tilsonburg, caught, as is supposed at Turkey Point in Lake Erie. —

I hope you will be pleased to address letters, to the Local Officers, of Turkey Point, and Cashmere, about these Contraventions of the Fisheries Act, and so prevent a similar offence happening. —

Yours, &c.

A. M. Robertson

Esq^r

Ingersoll

10. May 1879.

I have the honor to receive your communication of the 5th inst. and in reply to inform you that a license for the purpose of fishing in the Marshes is made.

I have the honor to reply to you that in the Marshes of the River there is a license for fishing 400 yards in of pike gill nets, in the St. Lawrence River and marshes for spring fishing only; say, up to 3rd of May (see my application to you of the 14th March last). Of course you are aware that this pike gill net fishing is permitted there solely for the protection of Salmon. -- as pike are a Salmon, and their prey. --

There are Marshes in the St. Lawrence between the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario, which are the same as the "St. Lawrence Marshes". These Marshes as Communi-
Cote with the River, are in fact, part of the River and River Marshes and in three of them only, the pike nets were fished this year, for when the Lake and St. Lawrence River is low the water is equally low, when the water in the river is high the Marshes in the River are all under water. --

The Marsh complained of, there is two entrances, into the St. Lawrence River, from this marsh, which I would say, is about five acres of water and marsh, with a small belt of River marsh bank, nearly all over it, from the main land, except at the open (spaces) entrances from the River above referred to, and through which the boats pass in, and out from the River and marsh. -- My own impression is, the Marshes all belong to the River, and not to the land; for where the River runs close in, under the high bank, the lot it appears goes no further. --

Mr. G. L. Sticks, fished his pike gill nets in this Marsh which now appears, is occupied by Mr. M. S. Murray, at present time said to be part of 200, acres, belonging Reserve Lot, he at present leases. --

Mr. Charles Morse, resident at the St. Lawrence Hotel, Quebec, and who fished there, last year, under a license for pike attempted, without having a license from the Department, to fish and did fish pike gill nets, in this marsh on the 7th of April last. -- He forced his way into said marsh, in contravention of the fishing act. --

When Morse, found I would not recommend him, for a license for to fish in the St. Lawrence and Marshes he applied to one of Mrs. Murray's sons (Colly) for license to fish pike gill nets in his Marsh; and he told Morse he might do so, Morse had Alex. Macmillan Esq. M. P. writes you to write to me on the same subject. I have not answered him over.

I was at the Chamber, on the night of the 17th of April last when Mr. L. Hicks handed me the attached Notice. He that morning got seized on him by Charles Nurse. - -

I believe the difficulty arose, that had been just arisen between Hicks and Nurse, by Hicks Nurse removing his picks & ice rats he had just set previously that evening in the end ultimately decided as he was to do so by the pleasure subject to my decision. - -

While I permitted Hicks picks & ice rats to remain therein he having a license from the Inspector dated 20th of March 1879, whilst Charles Nurse's only authority was a grant of his own invention. - -

Hicks will pay if licensed. - -

Hicks lives on the bank of the River, at the Millway of Windsor. He enters his boat, rows up the river, and by two separate entrances enters into the garden wharf, without getting out of his boat, and this is the total amount of his offsidery. - - Nurse spread the picket chains. - -

Nurse took his picket up, and Hicks took some of them up for him. - -

Nurse it now appears with a Mr. Bayley, and others residents in Locals have since the 17th of April last gone into these matters with Hicks and Nurse to Hicks picks and were complained of, to me, by Mr. L. Hicks, but beyond the telling of our has been into this matter, and no accident has been happened nor presented from angling at the Chamber River, not in any of the small referred to. - -

I went to the residence of Mr. W. H. Manning on last Wednesday afternoon where I saw Mrs. Manning, with whom I freely conversed and she conversed with me on this subject and then Mr. L. Hicks was present part of the time, and had Hicks asked permission from her to pick in the church pond, he would have been allowed by her to do so. Mr. R. the previous owner of the place never meddled with our picks. - -

Angling is encouraged in the Chamber by Hicks, but he will not rent out his boats for illegal fishing. - he has 12 of them. - - He has refused to lease part of the Chamber land property for a picnic pleasure resort from the 17th of May. - -

Even so late as Saturday the 3rd instant Hicks declined to rent a boat to three men from London who came with spears and back lights to fish in the Chamber. - -

and Mrs Murray told me that on the evening the ducks - geese were fished down by the shore to the rapids of the St. Lawrence with nets, where they built a fire and as the night passed fished all night, and into Sunday morning -

and last year they set traps to their birds, and killed fatidge out of season, plucked, and roasted and eat them on the premises. -

The following was told what she could have of to the Whites and I can now discover that she was resolved to come intent, and I have I hope cleared up her mind on the matter. -

Then about the plain parts of the case, Charles Nurse has since applied for a license to fish in L. Ontario and I have sent down his money this day. - and with due respect,

I have &c.

J. W. Kerr
O.C.

Mr. Williams

MS

Some papers say this day's lot, has never yet been sold. -

J. W. Kerr
O.C.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 12, instant is just received. In your sending me these dollars, by return of mail, I will apply and obtain for you a license from the game department, for the fish in L. Ontario, within the places you have left to.

Yours very sincerely,
J. W. Kerr
O.C.

Mr. James Blaggy,
Care of Mr. R. R. R. Co.
1814 St. George
London, W. Office
Canada

Hamilton
13. May 1877.

Sir,

15 May 1879.

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, Bank draft No. 44, for the sum of Fifteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for a License which may be granted to James Lambell of Niagara, please refer to my recommendation dated 20th day of April last on this subject.

I remain, &c.

John W. Kerr

J.W.

Hon. Minister

O. C. F.

Sir,

17 May 1879.

I have the honor to apply to the Department for 20,000 Salmon fry, to be deposited in the Niagara River at Cassenston, and 2,000,000, White fish fry, to be deposited in the Niagara River, and Niagara River. —

I have the pleasure to report, that some hauling at Niagara, in Lake Ontario, for White fish was in a success. —

They are getting on very well, and I am sending along the line, the general size of the fish, to other with larger quantities of Splendid Salmon, being caught the season. —

I beg to report, that I cancelled the order, permitting the taking of White fish with scale, having 3" inch scale, substituting the local order of 4" inches for the remainder of the season. —

I am with your permission,

Hon. Minister,

O. C. F.

I remain, &c.

John W. Kerr

J.W.

James Lambell informed me - that four Salmon were caught by him while White fish were being during the month of May 1879. —

I am, Sir,

J.W.

But

17 May 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information that on yesterday when on the beach I found a load of lumber had been deposited there on the station of the B. Bay with the intention of building a Boat House there.

On inquiry, I found the said lumber was sent on by William Malsie, of Hamilton, Boat builder, with the intention of building a boat there to set out. I saw Malsie afterward and ordered him to remove the lumber.

This Malsie is the same man, whose boat I captured in B. Bay, night of 24th of November 1878, while engaged in illegal fishing.

There is a boat house already on B. Beach built by you. Annually to Mr. Pastern, and for the present at least, I deem this all sufficient for the accommodation of the public who may be engaged in fishing.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant

Copy.

Major, John Bolton.

Thursday, 22, May 1879.

Off to Brussels - on W. & B. Railway, - went out 3.45. p. m., arrived there at 10 p. m. - Miles 40, Railway fare 47.5, Tea 40. - bed 25.

Friday 23, May 1879.

From Brussels to Preston and Waterloo Village, there that night, breakfast, dinner tea and bed 47.5, Railway fare 50¢, went out at 12.45, came in at 9 o'clock, p. m. bed 25.
16 miles

Saturday 24, May 1879.

at Waterloo Village, thence to Bridge Port, examined the dam there, back again, examined about Woolen factory and Distillery. - made enquiries - as per my report - thence by Stage to Preston, and by Railway to Hamilton, went out at 4. a. m. 4, came in at 3 p. m. - Miles 50 - , Tea fare 2.00, Stage fare 50¢, 1.00, Breakfast and dinner 50¢.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 15th inst. received, many thanks for your kind information, which I will attend to, very shortly; & in reply, you a visit at Weston; when I expect amongst other things to find your own speckled trout pond in a prosperous condition. I enclose you a notice to post up, by which you will learn, close season for game birds of fish have been changed; and with many thanks, and my warm regards. -

John B. Zasker Esq
2, Ashby House
Weston.

J. B. Zasker

John B. Zasker

W. B. Zasker

17. May 1879.

Sir,

17. May 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for permission to have a seine, in that part of the bay, or any other part of the bay, set apart for the purpose of propagation of fish. To do as to catch about 120, line Blotch, white, speckled, Green and Rock bass, for to supply and store in, in the County of Shilton, leased for a term of seven years, by the Hon. Judge Miller, as President, Mr J. W. Matheson, Vice Pres. and Mr. W. W. Matheson, Secretary, I am one of a Club formed there, who will pay the expenses. I am sure that the fish will be caught under my immediate personal supervision, and when caught will be taken in water barrels by the Great Northern Railway at once, and deposited in the pond referred to. - - -

I have much pleasure in recommending this matter for your favorable consideration, and respectfully request that you will be pleased to grant the permission without delay. - - -

I have &c.

Hon. Minister.

John B. Zasker
W. B.

Stationery 25.
do 25.

19. Jan. 1879.

1. - I have the honor to app. to you, for Boat license, for Jonathan [unclear], of B. beach; for to fish 600 yards, of 2 1/2" inches extension measure, herring and Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, off B. beach, in the Township of Saltfleet for this current season, at the rate of Three dollars, for the season. -

2. - John Connors, - B. beach; for a boat license to fish 300 yards of herring and Herring gill nets, 2 1/2" inches extension measure, in Lake Ontario, east of the Stone, [unclear] Road, in the Township of Saltfleet, at the rate of \$3. for year 1879.

3. Duncan McGillivray, B. Beach, for a Boat license to fish 300 yards of Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, off B. beach, the said gill nets to be 2 1/2" inch mesh, extension measure, for current season of 1879. -

This man is poor, disabled, and has a large family I beg most respectfully to recommend, that you will be please to grant him, a "free license". -

4. Richard Drape, B. beach, for a boat license to fish 1000 yards of white fish gill nets, not less than 5" inches extension measure, and 1,300. yards of 14" ^{herring} gill net of 2 1/2" inches extension measure, in L. Ontario off B. beach, township of Saltfleet, for this current year at the rate of five dollars, per. - (1879.)

5. Mrs. Anne Sherburne, B. beach. for a boat license to fish 2,000. yards of herring and Herring gill nets, in L. Ontario, same as last year. - at the rate of Five dollars for the year 1879. -

6. John [unclear], B. Beach, for a boat license to fish 500 yards of Herring gill nets, on fishing station, [unclear] L. Ontario on B. beach; for this current year, at three dollars per - 1879. The gill nets to be 2 1/2" inches extension measure. -

With reference to my application, for these Boat licenses, I take the liberty of communicating to you, that before, I deliver the same, I intend inserting a clause in each license barring the licensees from setting on certain reefs, and sand bars, frequented almost continually with small white fish; and which I hope will meet your approval.

and with due respect.

I Have the honor to be
Yours truly
John W. [unclear]

Dear Sir,

19 May 1877

I am the honor to apply to you for some hauling line in Lake Ontario on N. Beach, in the Township of Bathurst, for the current season of 1877 and I beg most respectfully to request that you will be pleased to grant the same to the undersigned, on the following conditions, which I beg to submit to you:

1. James Selby, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line of 500 yards long, of not less than 4 inch mesh, on Station No. 2, in Lake Ontario, Township of Bathurst, during the current season of 1877. The rate to be ten dollars. -

2. David Cook, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line of 500 yards long, of not less than 4 inch mesh, on Station No. 7, and a part of No. 6, in Lake Ontario, Township of Bathurst, during the current year, of 1877. The rate to be ten dollars. -

3. Therese Moller, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line 600 yards long, of not less than 4 inch mesh, on Station No. 6, in Lake Ontario, Township of Bathurst, during the current year of 1877. The rate to be ten dollars. -

4. John Gause, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line 200 yards long, of not less than 2 inch mesh, on Station No. 7, in Lake Ontario, Township of Bathurst, during the current year of 1877. The rate including a boat license to fish 200 yards of white fish line, to be ten dollars. -

The hauling for fishing, shall not commence for ten days, after the white fish season is over. -

5. Sam'l J. Grogan, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line 50 yards long, of not less than 4 inch mesh, on Station No. 14, in Lake Ontario, N. Beach, Township of Bathurst, during the current year, of 1877. The rate to be ten dollars. -

6. Manjuma Goss, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line 500 yards long, of not less than 4 inch mesh, on Station No. 12, in Lake Ontario, N. Beach, Township of Bathurst, during the current year, of 1877. The rate to be ten dollars. -

7. Frank M. Selby, N. Beach, for a license to fish a white fish line 400 yards long, of not less than 4 inch mesh, on Station No. 13, in Lake Ontario, N. Beach, Township of Bathurst, during the current year of 1877. The rate to be ten dollars. -

I will thank you to send me the above licenses with the least possible delay. -

As I had anticipated there would be a plentiful supply of White fish, this year on the same hauling grounds in Lake Ontario, B. beach, during the months of June, and July, (this year) when according to section 9, of the Fisheries Act, they cannot be serried for; But as you have been pleased to ignore the intention of the Act, and have, for several years past, in my division enforcing other more strict regulations instead? - I have the honor to recommend that you will be pleased to permit Serrie hauling, for White fish, during June and July, this year, in my division, which is the only time, they can be taken, at B. Beach Port Credit Toronto Island and Frenchman's bay, with Serries. - -

Your letter of 18, of December, 1878, and your Notice "Commissioners", of 2, April 1879, establishing the Serrie season in the waters of section 15 of the Fisheries Act coupled with my own active exertions will I hope be sufficient to protect the White fish. - Besides if small White fish should make their appearance this year, during the season, the Specified I shall immediately stop all Serrie hauling. -

Yours with due respect,

Wm. A. McCreary,

I Have &c
John B. Kerr
J. O.

Wednesday, 21 May 1879,

At Winona, and on B. beach, Complaint made by I. C. - That J. H. Corey, had hauled in L. Ontario on Monday night, and had caught quite a lot of White fish, with his Herring Seine, and any amount of Perch, was in the Hamilton Market, when J. H. Corey, sold the White fish to W. H. Minter. - Went up the Beach and heard that J. H. Corey, had hauled again on Tuesday night - and that the Seine was then lying on the Beach. went up there, examined the Seine, and cut a piece out of the Centre. - Thence to Hamilton, got a Warrant, and summonses - and Sam McKee Jr. to go down - he took the Seine, went out at 6. a.m., and came in 6. p.m. Miles about 48. At 7 P. 2.00, breakfast and dinner 50 c. -

My dear Father Abraham -

Your account, and how you get
so you can have back out of them his day, and you get
off to the suit, you would have some money, but I hope you
will get the 10th Feb. - the old ground at the County.

Please tell Dick Gillett and Tyson, to send me the
balance of their money, and direct Dick and Tyson, if
they have not already done so, to move out all their furniture
out of the 15, and 16, immediately - with
and believe me Father Abraham,

Wm. S. Gillett Esq.
Society of Friends
Barnstable.

Yours faithfully
John W. Herr
Barnstable, Mass.
20 May 1879.

W. S. Jack Bolton, owner the Boat House and
sells off Elliotts goods, and got his license -
which you cannot fish, nor last year's,
at 1 o'clock on Saturday evening, until 6 o'clock on
Yellow-rice Monday morning in each week, sent
you it I tell Dick Gillett, &c.

20 May 1879

Yours J. W. Herr

Wednesday night 21 May 1879.

J. A. Corey - after the silver rope and Boat was
Captured, came up to my place, I was in bed
but got up, he wished the Cases to come on
at 10 A.M. next day - Thursday, and so it
did - See Report, dated 26 May 1879.

Thursday 22 May 1879 -

at Police Court, in case of J. A. Corey, Lake Corey,
George Jones, and the Fishy. -
Please my report of 26 May 1879,
for all particulars.

Monday 1874.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Monday last in Lake Ontario on No Beach, J. K. Corey, Jacob Corey, George Jones and a boy 14 years old at present in J. K. Corey's employment, fished a Merrimac seine, of which the piece now enclosed is a specimen, and caught a quantity of White Fish, which he sold to R. A. Batey, fish dealer, Hamilton. -

On Wednesday last, 21, May, I was on No Beach, when I received the information herein, and also that J. K. Corey, and Corey had fished in L. Ontario on Tuesday night last, the 20th, instant, and had also hauled on his seine hauling ground in No. Bay on Saturday the 17, instant, and after 1 o'clock p.m. and on Monday morning, the 19th instant, before 6 o'clock a.m. in contravention of the Fishing Act. -

I immediately on Wednesday last, had the net, and a coil of rope, seized and taken possession of by J. K. Corey, and his son Jacob, came before James Cahill Esq^r Police Magistrate, where they admitted on the oath of the said J. K. Corey, also sworn the same, J. K. Corey, also appeared for George Jones, and the said boy, pleaded guilty for them also. -

There was one thing however, that Corey, and his son persisted in and that he had caught the White fish on his licensed ground in No. Bay. -

I met this, by telling him that suppose he did but which I do not believe he should have in a lawful licensed ground, as he himself plainly pointed out, that he was bound to catch herring, buckers and other fish. -

The Magistrate has deferred giving his decision until Tuesday next, affording J. K. Corey an opportunity of getting more witnesses, asking for Clemency - this one time more.

I told J. K. Corey in presence of James Cahill Esq^r Police Magistrate, that I would recommend his license in No. Bay, for seine hauling, to be cancelled, - at once, and I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to cancel the said seine hauling license forthwith, in No. Bay. -

Respecting your decision in this case, in reply to a petition I understand J. K. Corey has written

to be held before your Honor, I would respectfully recommend
that as soon as the Associate Company, the Boat,
and the ropes, which will become an undoubted part, -

I would recommend your Honor, to decide that along
with the section 6. of section 10, of the Fishery Act, and
down you wish, by restoring the Boat and ropes
for this case; on J. H. being, paying the costs, as I think
fine, will be sufficient to cause the conviction. -

Under section 10, a large penalty imposed together
with costs, the forfeiture of Boat ropes and Boat, together
with the cancellation of Boat hauling license in 10 days, with
or might appear oppressive, then what I most respect
fully say to be intended is, that the license in 10 days which
expires on the 10. of June next, be now cancelled, that the
Boat of the Boat be confiscated, and put out, and the party
convicted, and be admonished, as to his future
conduct - and one of the J. H. laws, and the regulations.

Instead of being back, as it seems to me to have
kept J. H. being as it was spent, and as it seems
and as B. being has been found to the information of
the City of Hamilton, although he has become a Boat
man. - Under the circumstances attending and be
separate to the case, I hope the decision I have at
present at my consideration will be approved
of, and adopted by you. -

Your decision to be read, to all fishermen
on B. being, when given.

Yours, etc.

I have &c.

John W. H. S.

J. W. H.

Tuesday 27. May 1879. -

At 10.30 am the Boat went out at 12.30 pm
came in at 2.30 pm, miles 40 - Ref. 120
Sea was low 30 y. Boat 30 y.

Wednesday 28. May 1879. -

In York and at Hamilton Boat distributed
Salmon fish, 100 lb. John Jordan and W. H.
Henry, the Boat - Hamilton fish processing
establishment, Ontario - with no more report.
Boat 100 y. 100, light fast 50 y. 25
25, light 25 y. - then in Hamilton 3.30 miles about 20.
25 in 10.30 am.

26. May 1879.

I have the honor to report, that I observed some
dust speck on the edge of the Revue at Preston, it came
from the same mill there, a former owner of which I
joined some years ago.

Mr. Brown, the Proprietor of the Spa Hotel, there
informed me that sparkled trout, are injured and damaged,
very much in the locality.

Will you be pleased to instruct Mr. John
Watt, M.O., M.A. Wood, in whose local division this
contamination of the trout, is being committed to attend
to it immediately. And with due respects.

Hon. Mr. Minister

Yours faithfully,

John W. Laro

John W. Laro

30 May 1879.

Will you be pleased to send me the trout
and seine fishing licenses applied for, by me to you
on 14th of May instant; for the Fishery on R.
Beach; and with due respect.

Hon. Mr. Minister

Yours faithfully,

John W. Laro

John W. Laro

S.O.

30 May 1879.

I beg most respectfully to apologise to you
for my appearance here any day ending 31st day of March
last.

I am under obligation to use up some allowances
in travelling and my division. I want to pay
back.

Hon. Mr. Minister

Yours faithfully,

I have &

John W. Laro

S.O.

Thursday 29 May 1879.

On the Island, South and Hamilton - saw Jim
Wiley - went out at a m. boat in Sat 4.30
p.m. till 5.00. Boat 25. Railway fare 1.20. Lunch =
Post and other expenses.

51 May 1879
I have been to see you on the 30th of May
at 578 on the 30th of May 1879.
When you please to apply this amount to me

10.00
20.00
30.00
Total 30.00

My dear Paddy.
The Police Board, Dublin, Ireland.

Your letter of the 30th just received. The
Gibney Act, distinctly says: Gill nets for catching white fish, shall
have meshes of not less than 5 inches, extension measure. - You
must not catch small white fish, with a 3 inch mesh gill
net, if you do, and say J. W. Wilson or any person com-
plains against you, you will be fined \$20 and costs, and
the gill nets, and boat, will be confiscated and your li-
cense cancelled altogether, for the remainder of the year.
Why Paddy, my friend you know the law, just as
well as I do! and that I have no power on my part to
alter or demand the law. - -

I am sure that you heard from me that no
person can set out 3 inch mesh gill nets to catch
small white fish, and if he does it once accidentally,
he should never try it any more. - You need to be
opposed to all such illegal fishing, and
my last advice to you, is, now and ever, stand
by the law. - With my kind regards, believe me,
Yours truly,

Hamilton, Ont.
30. May 1879. -

John W. Kerr Esq.

Friday, 30. May 1879. -
On 15, last, Mr. McLaughlin, John. Macfarlane, David Fitch
and others, having a boat, and caught abundance of
white fish worth about \$2.50. p.m. came in at 4.
o'clock, to a 31. day - \$4.00, \$2.00. -
The whole pier of the dock, took fire from the
Gibney Steamer, and burned all up to the Bridge
pier, - a great burning it was. - - -

My dear Sir,

Yours received, I will endeavour to be on the ground on Monday next, and settle the disputed boundary between you and David Harris. - I am very desirous to see the interested persons present who are going to be on the boundary lines, between 18. and 19. -

Joseph Gabriel Esq

David Harris

J. S. Threlk. -
John W. Kerr

D. O.

30. May 1879.

Bel.

30. May 1879.

I have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft No. 22, for the sum of Fifty five dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as license for the present season, in as set forth in my application to you of the 19th instant, viz:

1. Charles Long - B. Beach, - Lewis License,	\$10.00
2. David Fitch, - B. Beach. do.	10.00
3. Alexander Rollo, B. Beach. - do.	10.00
4. Alexander Rollo. B. Beach. - Boat License	5.00
5. Sam: McGoyne B. Beach. - Lewis License	10.00
6. Ben: Goulds, B. Beach. - do.	10.00
and with much respect	Total, \$55.00

I have &c.

Hon: Ministers

John W. Kerr

D. O.

Mr. R. Gray -

31. May 1879.

The Island - or
Capt. Turner - Steamer
Derry - Toronto.

I send copy of your letter to the Mayor, and Council at once. -

John W. Kerr

Telegraphs 28.

Wrote Captain Turner - today, and sent him a copy of the Fishers apt, for Mr. Boyd's information.
John W. Kerr D. O.

31. May 1879.

Gentlemen. —

31 May 1879. —

Complaint to have been made against you to me. That you run the line to of your boats, from the Landing, into the small stream close by, and which runs into the River Thames, by which thousands of fish named in the fishing act, are killed and destroyed? —

Should this happen again, I will be obliged in my capacity as a fishing officer to go up to Westminster, and put the matter in your opponent's hands, and will have to sue you. However! — it is only right, just and proper, that I should give you notice before hand, of what you expect, unless you immediately comply with the law. —

Section 2, of Section 14, of the F. Act, reads! —
"Any chemical substances, or drugs, or poisonous matter, or any deleterious substances, shall not be allowed to pass into, be kept, or remain in any water frequented by any of the kinds of fish mentioned in this act." — Penalty, £100, dollars. —

Please stop all this for the time being. —

Yr. oblige

Yrs. respectfully,

Schubert

Wm.

W. J. G. & Co.

Warrington

Warrington

P.S. Now Gentlemen, what explanation have you to make for yourselves

Wm. Schubert

Wednesday, 4, June 1879. —

On B. beach, to give out licenses. Mello, taking — on B. beach, has out of his hands hauling ground. Found out when I arrived on Beach, that the licenses were not signed by the commissioners — went out at 8, a.m., came in at 7, p.m. Billings 36. At 11.55, dinner and home just 55.

Set

4. June 1879.

I was about to issue the enclosed hauling licenses to day, to the fishermen on B. B. B., when I discovered they were not signed by Mr. Whitches. - - -

I return them for his signature, as I presume it is an oversight. - - -

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. J. H. Carey, - | A Lewis hauling license, |
| 2. Mortimer Carey, - | do, - |
| 3. Ben. Folds, - | do, - |
| 4. David Fitch, - | do, - |
| 5. Ben. McGeoghegan, - | do, - |
| 6. Alex. Kello, - | do, - |
| 7. John Lauffe, - | do, - |

Also the following Boat Licenses.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Jonathan Carey, - | B. Beach. |
| 2. John Connors, - | do, - |
| 3. Duncan McGillivray, - | do, - |
| 4. Richard Lauffe, - | do, - |
| 5. Mrs. Ann Sherburne, - | do, - |
| 6. John Hughes, - | do, - |

When signed by Mr. Whitches please return them to me. -

Yours sincerely,
H. H. H.

I have &c,
John W. Sess
D.O.

Monday, 2. June 1879. -

At Mansfield by order from Mr. Whitches, Commissioner, to make enquiries about Mr. Robert Watt, for neglect of duty, and for absenting himself from Mansfield - see my report of this date, went out at 8. A.M., came in at 7. P.M. Miles 11.50. My fare 2.00, dinner 25¢ & 14¢ B. - 7.50. - 2.75.

Let

4. June 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 94. for eight dollars. --

1. Francis, and Mrs Charlotte Reid: For Seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, at Port Credit, for this current season, already received, and delivered on acct. - 5.00.
2. Harry Hickenhull, Bertie, For a Seine hauling license to fish a 50 yard Seine in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Shillers point, during this present season. -- please send me this license. - 3.00.

Total \$ 8.00

Hon: Minister

I Have &c.

John W. Sless

H. C.

Let

7. June 1879.

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No. 101, for the sum of Twenty Dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this sum to for this current season, as follows:

1. John Bolton, of Niagara: For a Seine hauling license in Lake Ontario, at the Four Mile Creek, already received and delivered. - 15.00.

2. Mr Andrew Ames, Scarborough, - For a license to fish a Seine 20 yards long in Lake Ontario, between the Harbour of Port Union and the Rouge, if salmon are caught, they must be instantly liberated alive!

And no fishing can be carried on between 6 o'clock on Saturday night and 6 o'clock on the following Monday morning. - please send license for above. - 5.00.

Total, \$ 20.00

Hon: Minister

I Have &c.

John W. Sless

H. C.

The Bridgetown Monitor furnishes some valuable facts in reference to the fish-breeding establishment started at Bedford Basin (Halifax) two or three years ago by the Dominion Government. The editor's informant is a gentleman who visited the establishment last month, and had an interview with the gentleman in charge, Mr. Wilmot. The work is carried on in a capacious building erected for the purpose, through which an ample stream, drawn from the Sackville River, flows. During the winter, by artificial heat, the air is kept at the desired temperature. The spawn are taken thither in the autumn, and placed in troughs cased either with zinc or tin, and a current of water is passing gently through them. The hatching season is early in spring, and in a few weeks the baby fish, only an inch or two in length, are conveyed away in tanks to rivers, where they are placed to shift for themselves. There are now, the Monitor says, 1,400,000 salmon spawn, 200,000 whitefish spawn from the Ontario lakes, and 10,000 salmon trout from the same lakes, all in the process of hatching, and the younglings before midsummer will be transferred to the rivers and lakes of the Province.

My dear Moon,

Your's received, with \$5, from Andrew, Annis, which I sent away to the Department - Ottawa, will send license next week. -

Joe Black petitioned for his Series, got the Hon: J. B. F. B. Judge Merriman, 12, Magistrate, and 86 others to sign for him, it was sent to me to report upon, but since I don't do so, I have heard no more. - - -

I may say, that I put in a claim for all the expenses attending the seizure of Joe Black's Series the reason why! I have not got any money to pay that man you allude to. - - -

Sam. Bellash, is dead and buried, how is the fishing at Frenchman's Bay, enquire and let me know. I hope you are all well. - anything about the Dutchman -

Young Morrison, applied to me some time ago for a license to fish where Joe Black used to haul, but on letting him know the license fee, I have seen no more from him. -

Is there any one hauling at Frenchman's Bay, but please answer. -

Joe Moon Esq
100-1-100

J. B. F. B. F. B.
7. June 1879.

P.S. (or) You had better buy a Series from Nat Gray, or some other Island fisherman, I will apply and get a license then for you.

Sir,

2 June 1879.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 29, ultimo, with an enclosure from Mr John McLean, of the City of Montreal, complaining for himself and several others against Mr Robert Watt, the local fishing business - Brantford; "for neglect of duty in his capacity as surveyor" - "And for absconding himself from the said City of Brantford, without leave from the department of Marine and Fisheries - Ottawa. - - -

And ordering me to proceed at once to Brantford enquire into this matter, ascertain if the fishing business, is present there, or if absent, or where or for what. - - -

In reply, I have the honor to report, that in obedience to your order, I proceeded to Brantford this day, and called on Mr John McLean, who is a most respectable man, and is employed as Foreman to Messrs Smith and Murphy, Saddlers, and Harness makers &c, on the principal street there. Mr McLean is, and has been for many years past, Chief of the 3rd Brigade - Brantford. - - -

On making known to Mr McLean my instructions, he told me, that Mr Robert Watt, the local fishing business, has been absent two months, and that during the close season for bass, and pickeral &c, between the 15, of April, and 15th of May, Mr Watt was absent from his division, in Toronto and where he still remains at this present time, working at his Trade as Carpenter, on the Parliament Buildings there, as I was reliably informed, by a person of veracity. - I was also informed that spearing in the Grand River, at Brantford, has been carried on, occasionally at night, by persons in Boats with dark lights, and gobs have been used; bass and pickeral caught therein, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. - strings of bass, and pickeral have been also caught by anglers, and carried by them openly in the public streets of Brantford during the recent close season. - - -

Also pickeral, as reported to me were brought in from Lake Erie, and other places, and sold in Brantford, and exposed for sale, during close season, but Mr Robert Watt the local fishing business, was then, and is now absent from Brantford, - and is in Toronto. - - -

I have further to report, that I called upon Mr J. W. Excell, a very respectable man, resident in Brantford, who has written all Mr Watt's official reports, to you, and he had no hesitation in telling me, that Mr Robert Watt had not done his duty withal as Mr E. - said, I urged him, on to it again and again. - - -

Mr Robert Watt, is another Carpenter, from Brantford, who is working with him on the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, with the same

Brantford^{City}, on Thursday next, as I was told, for to Vote
for Mr. Stand.

And that since he went to Toronto he had
written him, advising him, to attend to his duty in
consequence of the numerous report abroad of his
ill. Watts, neglecting it; - But he took no notice of
such advice. - Mr. Ryce, told me Mr. Watts was
absent in Toronto for about 5 weeks, and he gave
me his address thus! Mr. Robert Watt, Car-
penter, No. 102, Broad St., Toronto. - -

I examined Mr. O. Watts, Mill Dam, on the Gr
Rail, at Brantford, where I found a number of per-
sons angling and catching bass, - and I ascer-
tained the fishway, was carried away last year,
during the September freshet: all of which is
respectfully submitted for your consideration
and decision. - I have, &c.

Yours, Minister

John W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

private and Confidential.

Yours friend Turner, I believe will get the
appointment, you do however all I have
said of you, - say nothing about it, to any
person, until after it is publicly announced. -

W. Griffith Esq.

W. J. Kerr J. W. Kerr
7. June 1879.

Close season - Mass. picked, &c.
P. S. Palmer, the fish dealer, will no doubt
help, if you are on intimate terms with
him. Can tell you privately.

W. J. Kerr

My dear Harry,

I have just had an address to my report, and I send you word, for which, part of it thus: "If you find that the charges for catching, & selling fish at Portland, during the close season, it might be well to bring a few prosecutions against the principal persons:-"

Now what I want you to do for me is to find out at once, who it was who caught bass and pickered during the close season, say between the 15. of April, and the 15. of May, last.

Mr John McEwen, told me of two or three cases but he does not wish to be mixed up in them himself. Will you please see him at once, ascertain the names, dates of offences, & who took who has been the Bail, who the persons are, who were speaking with them, and fight the case.

And you can say you are coming, and can collect the bay, you saw with the thing of bass, also who it was who caught the large pickered.

And remember not get the names of the persons who sent pickered and bass into your market during the close season, and if they have your license, or you have paid for them any other place, and who had them in power for sale in your market during the close season. Find out all those things for me in your own handy way, and I will on hearing from you and Mr McEwen, come up, as I am instructed, and prosecute. - "It is necessary to prosecute."

There is a person or two, who have been fishing nets, - I have some persons from Paris and down to Portland, and fish a small sea. - Also that some one back in the County from Portland, has a series of people for it who they are for me, so write me soon. Keep all quiet and believe me,

Yours faithfully,

John McEwen

P.S.

8. June 1879.

Harry Griffith Esq

C. C. of Police

Portland.

P.S. please find private Memorandum enclosed,

J. W. Keor

June 1879. -
 I have the honor to receive your letter of the 5th instant, relating to my report of 2nd instant, on complaints made against Overseer Robert Watt, of Brantford; and in which you request me to state, whether I know of any one there, who could be temporarily employed as local Fishery Guardian. -

In reply, I have the honor to report, that when I was in Brantford, on the 2nd instant, the names of three persons were given me by Mr. John McEwen, one of the Complainants, but upon enquiries I made, I found none of them, altho good men in other respects, are suitable for the office. -

I then made some enquiries for a good man, and I have now the honor to recommend Mr. William Turnival, Auctioneer, Brantford to fill the office as local Fishery Guardian there. -

I saw this person, and he was highly recommended to me for the situation. -

Hoping that you will ^{be pleased to} appoint Mr. W^m Turnival, to the said office, and by sending his appointment to me, I will see up, and instruct him in his duties, and with due respect.

I Have &c,

John W. Kerr
 F.O.

Mailed Receipt for quarters \$
 Salary ending 31 March 1879, for 125,
 to the Department, this 9, June 1879,

J. W. Kerr
 F.O.

Monday, 9, June 1879.

On B. beach, found some Willow rubbish on the Bay shore. Called Mr. Smith's attention to it - examined Mr. J. H. Corey's. White fish seine, all O.K. - delivered the following licenses; Mr. Corey, J. H. Corey (not paid), David Gitch, Alex. Rollo, Ben. Dolds, Dan. Gwynne all paid, except J. H. Corey, went out at 8.30 a.m. Came in at 4 p.m. Hides 30. 144 B. 2.00. Cautioned them about catching small White fish. -

I have the honor to apply to you for licenses for the undersigned fishermen, and I beg most respectfully to request that you will be pleased to issue the same for this current season. - - -

1. David Tyson, Clinton. For a boat license to fish 2,000 yards of white fish, Salmon Trout, and Sturgeon gill nets of legal sized meshes, in Lake Ontario, between Gregorys point, township of Louth, and the red creek, in the township of Clinton. - rate 10.00.
2. Richard Gilbert, Louth. For a boat license. To be just the same as last year. - the rate to be 15.
3. Hobbs Keith, Clinton. For a Boat license, same as last year. - rate, \$6.00.
4. David Barros, Queenston. For a license to fish a blackchin on lot No: 3, - and for permission to spear sturgeon on lot No: 18, - in the Niagara River, at Queenston. \$5.00.
5. George White, Whitby. For seine hauling license at Whitby Harbour, Lake Ontario to be the same as last year. - \$5.00.
6. John P. Randolph, Whitby. For license to fish a seine in Whitby Harbour, (100 yds.) in Lake Ontario, same as last year. 3.00.
7. Wm. McLeod, Frenchmans bay. For a boat license to fish 2000 yards of white fish and Salmon Trout gill nets, same as last year. \$5.00.
8. Francis Portman, Yates Gully. For a boat license to fish 2000 yards of white fish and Salmon Trout gill nets in Lake Ontario, in part of the township of Scarborough, same as last year. - 5.00.
9. Thomas Coice, B. beach. For seine hauling license to fish a seine white fish ^{2500 yds.} station No: 15, in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, to be filled up same as all the other seine hauling licenses for white fish there. \$10.00.

And with due respect,
 Yours faithfully,
 I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Very truly,
 Yours,
 J. S.

A Salmon caught in seine at Port Credit, Ontario by Mr. J. Reid and son - 6. June 1879 and liberated alive, as per James J. Wilcox letter to me.
 J. S.

Sir,

30. May 1879.

In reply to your letter of the 26, instant, in answer to mine of the 17th instant for a supply of salmon, and white fish fry, for the Niagara River - To which Mr Wilmut reports that it is too late now to obtain white fish fry, the period for their distribution being during the months of March and April? -

When I made this application, I done so, so far as the white fish fry, was concerned, in good faith, I did not ask for "S. Trout fry" - for the purpose only of obtaining a supply from the Detroit Hatchery at Sandwich, which could be deposited the same evening of the day they are taken from the hatchery there in the Niagara River. - I done so, not because there is a scarcity of white fish now in Lake Ontario, but only because I desired to see the white fish of L. Erie, and L. Ontario, intermixed, which might tend to some good. -

My reports of the last four years, and previous reports, to the department, showing the great quantities of young white fish, I discovered in my division of Lake Ontario, I feel now great pride in telling you in confirmation of the said official reports, have burst forth this year, in the largest takes of magnificent white fish, that has ever been witnessed, for a long series of time. -

Thousands of fish in a haul, and selling wholesale at \$2. per 100 fish, thus making white fish, plentiful, and cheap to the people of the neighbourhood, and community of L. Ontario, in my division. - - -

I don't know what others may think or say, about this matter, but I feel some little pride that my exertions in protecting the small white fish, now being caught whenever I could prevent it, in their immature state, seems to me now has not been labor in vain. - -

I hope you will be pleased to issue orders to the different F.O. of Lake Ontario, that escalperie seine fishing will not be permitted on any day in their respective divisions, during this season. - -

We have the white fish now, and so must guard and protect them as the apple of the eye. -

Yours, Minister.

I Have Ya
John D. Sloss
F.O.

20.

30. May 1879. -

I have the honor to receive your letter of 26th instant, in reply to my application of the 17th instant, for Salmon fry, &c. - I now beg to report that on Wednesday last 28th instant, I met by appointment, with Mr Samuel Wilcock at the train at 9.45, a.m., Union Station, Toronto, Mr Wm Henry Macdonald, from the Newcastle Government Fish Breeding Establishment, Ontario: with four large tin pails containing a large quantity of Salmon fry, in excellent condition which we took on to Lambton Village on the Huron Street, and deposited the same in the Huron River - considering the large supply of Salmon fry, made to and deposited in this stream, except about a dozen of Salmon, that I have heard of the Salmon do not seem to present a show in this stream equal to the deposits made annually, therein. -

The mill dam at Stouffville still was carried away, from there, by the great freshet of last September, when the stream was completely cleaned out, and now appears in good condition for fry, or parent Salmon if I may except some dust, and sucker, and chub fishing in spring, from the Weston Saw Mills - the proprietors of which also asked by me to keep the dust out from this stream, still permits it to pass into the same. I will have to present them, when I hope to put a final stop to such a continuation of the fishing act, otherwise the Wilcocks supplied will be labored in vain.

Yours, &c.

John W. Kerr
J.O.

Wednesday, 11. June 1879.

At S. Bridge - thence to Leamington, and up the River, as far as Stations No: 18, and 19, about which there is a dispute between David Herron, and Joseph Gabriel Jr. examine Henry Storm, Thos: Winton, Joseph Gabriel Sr David Herron, and had a letter from Mr John Hawn, respecting the boundary between 18, and 19. - the weight of the evidence shows, that the boundary is at a 4' 6" square rock, which stands in front of a bass wood tree, on the bank of the River - and so I shall give my decision, next to it at 7.30. leave in at 5. p.m., miles 60. by fare 2. miles 25. Night 50. Tea and bed 50¢.

20. May 1879.

I have the honor to receive your communication of the 11th inst. regarding the overflowed meadows of the St. Lawrence, and in reply I beg to report that the Pond lower plain of, to you by Mrs Murray has nothing in it, excepting to, or whereby it can be walked on, or overflowed, because no water overflows the narrow belt, or bank of the River that nearly surrounds the Marsh pond of Bull makes in Water Hill's, navigable for small boats for angling therein, all the season round, with two entrances, the only ones, at the lower end of it, open from the River all the year round.

Mr. Spring, Post Office Inspector, who owns 10 acres of land, near the Railway bridge, has given him Mr. Hicks, permission to land boats at all times on his property.

And, Mrs. M. Howells, of the Chamber, who claims she owns another pond, adjoining a Brick yard, on pieces of Water pond, marshes, lower down. -- She has property, from which brick are shipped over her pond into the River, and L. Ontario, for Toronto always permitted Mr. G. L. Hicks, to fish in said pond. Mrs. M. Howells pond is lower down the River than Mrs. Murray's pond.

I understand, and I heard Mrs. Murray tell Mr. Hicks, he could have the same privilege as that given to Charles & P. R. if he had only asked for it, but even that in my opinion, I may be wrong would not be a justification to him for fishing pike gill nets there, unless he had a license just from the Department of Marine in Quebec.

These Ponds of water, I have named, situated on the Chamber a Navigable stream for a mile above Mr. Murray's pond, up as far as the stone quarries for Steam Dugs, &c, daily plying there, is as much a part and parcel of the River St. Lawrence proper, as Gages Canal &c, is a part of its bay, and the latter, as you are aware, has been long established.

There are three or four land locked ponds, besides those referred to, higher up the Chamber, where I perceived the water overflows the River bank, sometimes, to get into them, but Mrs. Murray, and Mrs. M. Howells ponds, I, above referred to are differently situated, being free of access to, in boats and open to the River.

When I visited the blunder, as stated in my former report, 17. April last, Charles Hume, was just after setting a gill net across the mouth of the outlet or entrance to the drainage pond, and trapping the few escapees of the fish. He - I understood - intended then to remove the gill net, which was necessary to do once. Hume also drove two posts, and nailed a something on one, on the top of the posts, so as to hang out a shrike, which he ordered not to go in there any more, that if he did, he would take him up, as he had got a lease of the pond.

The complaint in the present instance is simply from a person, who is afraid to say that Hume was going to prevent anything in the pond, and it coming to this, that Hume had said at the meeting that he would write to you, the fountain head, - on the subject.

There is not the slightest foundation for this silly report or rumor. - I intended to say, however, the object was only, by taking off the fish, was to preserve the balance between the fish in the blunder, which I feared was very much.

I am sure I never entertained a thought of allowing Mr. Hume to fish under a license, within the bounds of a private estate.

Last season, Mr. Charles Hume, had a license to fish gill nets in the blunder, including this same pond. He could have had my recommendation to the Department, Ottawa, to fish there this year, only I had not believed it was true that he was in the habit of fishing and shooting on Sundays.

It was Mr. Hume who told me first, that Mr. Hume had complained to you, and Mr. Hume told me all about it himself, and I then told him, the license was expired and out. - If there is any thing more, I am the only person to blame, for I am the person who made the application for a gill net license to be issued as a concession to Hume and Hume's son in the blunder. -

W. H. Whitaker Esq.

Comr. of District,

Ottawa.

I have &c

John L. Love,

P.O.

Thursday 12. June 1879. -

At Niagara laid off a deer hauling ground, for Messrs Alfred and Charles Ball - which runs from the Peppercorn tree, on the bank, which is the east end of Big Jim's ground, to an Oak tree at the west side of the 2. mile pond, Miles B. - Boat 50¢. Breakfast, dinner tea and beer. \$1.00 -

Robert Reid, Complainant of Albert Hume and Albert Shuback, for hauling a small deer in L.O. Got deer bait, on Sunday 1st June 1879. -

Friday, 13. June 1879. -

Went before Wm Kerby Esq^r J. P. and Complainant of Albert Davy, and Albert Sherlock, for fishing on Sunday the 8th of June, in L.O. at the Old Fort, and catching fish. They were summoned up, admitted the offence and were fined \$2. each, and \$4.25 costs, which they paid. - Miles 2. - Board \$1.00.

Also got out summonses for Charles Sage, and Samuel Minley, a Constable, for fishing with hook and line, on Sunday the 8th of June. They were also summoned up, admitted the offence, and were fined \$2. each, and costs. -

Saturday, 14. June 1879. - -

At Niagara Reef, Bredon and Hamilton, gave a dozen white fish to Wick Durness, went out 9.30, a.m. came in at 2. p.m., Miles 50. Key fare \$2.00. Board 50¢
do. - -

On N. beach, fished all regular, went out at 7. p.m. in at 11. p.m., Miles 20. \$4 & B. 1.50. - -

June 1879. -

To report that on Friday last, Messrs Albert Davy, and Albert Sherlock who have been fined, &c, Complainant to me that John Reid, 12 years old, committed a Contention of the Fisheries Act, by fishing for & catching fish, with hook and line, on Sunday the 8th day of June. - -

I mentioned the case to Wm Kerby Esq^r J. P. and to Mayor Pafford of Niagara - who declined to take up the case against this boy, simply because Bob Reid his father and himself had given information against Davy, and Sherlock. On Consultation with the Magistrate, I tried John Reid myself, and I fined him \$2 - at cost allowing the same to remain in abeyance, as a guarantee for his future good behaviour.

Wm. Minister
J. P.

John W. Kerr
J. P.

Sir,

14. June 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Friday last, I had Samuel Shindle, a Police Constable of the Town of Niagara, brought before Mr. Kirby Esq. J. P., charged by me, "with fishing for, & catching fish in the Niagara River, on Sunday, the 8th of June with Hook and line, in contravention of the Fisheries Act." - He was fined \$2, and Costs. -

Hon. Minister.

14. June 1879.

I have the honor to report that on Friday last, I had Charles Page of the Town of Niagara, brought before Mr. Kirby Esq. J. P., charged by me - "With fishing for, catching and killing fish with Hook, and line, on Sunday, the 8th day of June instant; he admitted the offence and was fined \$2, and Costs. -

I Have, &c.

John W. Kerr.
J. O.

Hon. Minister.

14. June 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information that Bass Fish is abundant this season in the Niagara River, Town of Niagara, near the American Fort, but these fish I can assure you have not yet spawned out, for seven black Bass I saw opened and cleaned, and the spawn all perfect in them, and from appearances, I consider they will not spawn until July next. - I witnessed this last Friday.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr.
J. O.

Hon. Minister.

Monday, 16. June 1879. - -

On B. beach, found the fishermen - all hauling, the white fish numerous, but rather small; - sent a specimen to Mr. W. J. Whitcher - Commissioner for his inspection and information, went out at 6. p. m. came in at 1. o'clock, a. m. Miles 20. Ed. Kerr with me, 90 B. 1.50 -

Yesterday morning a boy named Thomas Canham, of Dundas, was trolling for pike in the Bay, near Carroll's Point, when he got a bite. He tried to pull in, but thought he must have got hold of a stump. The thing wouldn't come; but soon he began to move, and then he thought he had a whale. After a long struggle he managed to boat his prize, which turned out to be a fine maskinonge, 48 inches long and 18 inches round, weighing 25 lbs.

"Tuesday, 17. June 1879."
 granted licenses to the following persons - for
 Year 1879.

1. One - Ann's Bay, Port Union. -
2. Thos: Thompson, Newmarket Bay,
 Remission & Office.
3. Sals: Wright for Bala McCort -
 do. do.
4. Geo: White, Whilly, - R. Office,
5. John Proudfoot, - = do. -
6. Noble With. Beaumont -

Schult Herr

J. A.

My dear Sir,

May I trouble you to send for
 Messrs David H. H. and Joseph Gabriel Jr and read to
 them in the presence of each other the enclosed letter. -

I also send their licenses today, having marked out the
 upper boundary of fishing lot No: 18. - and in order
 that you may read & explain the law to them,
 I send you a fishing Act. -

You will please read the boundary, as
 set forth in each license. -

Hoping you will pardon me for this =
 relying on your belief of faithfulness.

James Wynne Esq^r
 Customs Officer
 Queenstown

Schult Herr

J. A.

18. June 1879.

19. June. sent David H. H. and
 Joe Gabriel Jr that
 license -

W. H. H.

Sent Jas: Wynne Esq^r
 C. Officer

Remission, or fishing Act.

W. H. H.

postally

14 June 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Friday (yesterday) I saw Albert Dancy, and Albert Sherlock of the town of Niagara; brought before William Kirby Esq. J. P. of that town: charged by me with fishing a blue fish in the Niagara River on Sunday, the 1st day of June, in contravention of the Fishing Act, and the Sabbath Observance Act? They admitted the offence, and were fined two dollars each, and \$4.25 of costs each, which they paid.

I heard, but cannot prove the case, that William one of the leases of the Queen's Royal Hotel, Niagara, employed these two men to catch the Bait, for the purpose of angling for Bass; which is carried on every Sunday in American Waters, both by Canadians and American subjects. I will endeavor to catch some one, on Sunday, 22. of June.

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

J. P.

Hon. Mr. Minister
Y. Y. Y.

Sir,

14. June 1879.

I have the honor to report, for your information that the gill net fishermen, of Niagara, are at present engaged in American Waters of L. Ontario fishing Herring and pickled gill nets of 3 inch mesh, extensive manner.

The principal take is blue back Herring, perch, pickled and a good many young white fish. Being all caught in American Waters, but landed and sold in Canada I deem it my duty to report the matter to you, and ask for instructions. - -

I will not recommend any gill net fishing business to Herring to leave this season, for fishing in Canadian waters, at Niagara, by these fishermen, until after the white fish season. - - Neither will I recommend any gill net fishing being permitted within three miles of the mouth of the Niagara River, nor within 2 miles of any land landing grounds in the town of the Township of Niagara; and which I hope will meet your approval. - - The white fish are now become the most numerous fish, in my division of Lake Ontario.

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

J. P.

Hon. Mr. Minister
Y. Y. Y.

14, June 1879. --

I am the honor to receive your communication of the 19th of May last, enclosing me a lease of the name of James Bautwell of the Town of Niagara. --

I now beg most respectfully to return to you the same, that you may cancel it, as it does not represent the Senie hauling ground at present occupied by James Bautwell, near the four mile pond, Township of Niagara, and as formerly held by Mr. Grobb. --

In my application to you, of the 30th of April last, it does now appear to me as if I was not explicit in the description I then gave you of the station formerly held by Mr. Grobb. --

The following description will be more to the point. --

1, James Bautwell, Niagara: -- For a lease to fish a White fish Senie 400 yards long, in Lake Ontario, near the four mile pond, Township of Niagara. Commencing at the east side of the Senie & Senie's ground at present occupied by Mr. Robert John Allen, thence for a distance of about 20, chains, fronting on the Lake, to a Pepperage tree, which stands on the Bank, overlooking the Lake. --

Money sent you on the 15th of April last. --

I Have &c.

Hon: The Minister

&c. &c. &c.

John W. Kent,

P.O. --

Friday 20. June 1879. --

Attended the Police Court, -- in the case brought by Geo: Jones, against Mrs. McGlynn, John Mayle, James Gray, and George Dawson -- for fishing a White fish Senie -- with about four yards of a 3" inch Centre therein: George Jones was drunk, and so the case could not go on. --

Went with Chas; A. Sadler Esq. Mr. Barrister and Mr. Adams, Barrister -- examined the Centre, and found it, lacking an inch of the legal size went out at 9. A. M. Came in at 1. A. M. -- having gone to the Beach and saw the Hauling was going on there for White fish. -- Miles 30. A. V. No. 1 50. Super 50

Notes on the Fishery, etc.

The rate and date of all fishing and for fishing purpose must be raised from 6 o'clock, p.m. on every Saturday evening, until 8 o'clock a.m. on the following Monday morning.

See also section 11 of section 13, of the Fisheries Act.

Hamilton Ont
18 June 1879.

My dear Sir,
Col. W. Kerr
P.O.

Re, the Fisheries of the Niagara River at
Hamilton.

Saturday 21 June 1879.

Attended the Police Court to day. George Jones, was again drunk, however. The Magistrate took his evidence, also the evidence of H. H. Carey - who proved he saw the accused parties, hauling out fish when on the Rail way train - running at a rate of about 20 miles an hour; that on Saturday night, the 14th of June instant, he and Geo. Jones accompanied each other, went to the Railway place near St. Catharines, and let a piece out of the seine, which was produced in Court, examined and measured by J. W. Kerr, J. Currier. - It measured only 3" extension measure, went out at 8.30 a.m. -

Hence to N. beach, and found old Mr. McNamee, hauling, it was 5 minutes past 6 o'clock p.m. when he hauled in; - explained the law to him; and advised him as to the consequences. He came in at 12, midnight - Miles 30. 144 lbs. 1.5.

Thursday 19 June 1879.

Wm. McNamee, - came to me and complained of his seine as ropes being seized - when I went down to the beach and ascertained the cause.

... as no
upper boundary line, of lot No. 18 in the Niagara River, at
Queenston, between you (David - ...), under a license for
fishing purposes; and which you and Jos. W. Gabriel Jr.
as I am aware, been disputing about. - -

The matter having been referred to me by you,
and each of you, for to settle. - - I now by the power
vested in me under Sub-section 5, of Section 18, of the
Fisheries Act; beg to decide the dispute between you and
Joseph Gabriel Jr. relative to the fishing limits of Station 18,
in the Niagara River, at Queenston Heights. - - and having
done so, I do hope there will be no more wrangling
between you. - - -

As you are both aware, I went on the premises,
and there I examined two men, who knew or pretended
to know even thing about the upper boundary line,
of lot 18. - - Neither of you (disputants,) however,
were present with me. - - -

I also examined, and have the evidence and know-
ledge of other your reliable persons, as taken down
by me, as to the upper boundary line of lot No. 18. in
dispute as aforesaid. - - -

And I have no hesitation now in settling the
boundary line in dispute as follows; Lot No. 18 it
appears is a short lot, and is the last lot laid off,
for fishing purposes up the N. River; Hence it be-
came longer and longer, and until Joe Gabriel Jr.
took out a license for lot No. 19, last year, it was always
a short lot, and no person cared about its fishing
limits; hence if lot No. 18, went up as far as the
plate, where last Big Salmon was caught 40 years
ago; no person seemed to trouble himself about it;
and cared where the upper boundary limits of No. 18, was
however; when these little bickerings arise, truth will
always rise on the surface, and so it is in this case. - -
That extensive illegal (fishing) spearing, has been carried on,
by unlicensed persons, which must now for the
present be put a final stop to. - -

I have therefore without fear, favour, or affection, made,
and will for either of you, inserted in each of your
licenses for 1877, (sent you herewith,) the upper
boundary limits of lot No. 18, and so you will
govern yourselves accordingly. See Section 13, of
the Fisheries Act, for penalty, if you trespass
on each other.

Then there is another thing, I wish to draw your attention to, and say a few words to you about. - On the 10th day of June instant, when I visited the houses, I found two young men there opening beer and put it out.

I might have taken the license and put it in front of those young men and I would have been for opening fish without a license.

The license above has the power under the Act of Section 13, of the Fisheries Act, to prevent spawning.

So you must stop all spawning in future except what spawning you may do for the purpose of spawning.

And in order to put a final stop to all Sunday fishing in the future and for all time to come, the gates of all fisheries on Lake Ontario must be kept from 6 o'clock on every Saturday morning until 6 o'clock at night on the following Monday morning. - This is for each Section 14, of Section 13, of the Fisheries Act.

Wm. J. Davis, Esq.

Deputy Fishery Officer

Hamilton

June 13th 1879

I have I am &c. respectfully,

John W. Kerr

Esq.

13 June 1879.

Notice to the W. Beach Fishermen. -

It being represented to me that excessive fishing is being carried on in Lake Ontario, on W. Beach, by licensed fishermen there, whereby larger quantities of white fish are being caught, than can be disposed of, by profitable sales. -

To put a final stop to such excessive waste, I hereby order that seine hauling must be henceforth carried on, only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in each week say up to 12 o'clock at night, with such white fish sized seines, as are specified in each fishermen's license for year 1879. Any deviation therefrom will cause the offenders license to be cancelled. -

And the catching of small white fish even in a legal sized gear - such small, extensive - even - will not be tolerated; as all small white fish must be liberated alive.

Hamilton Ont.

21 June 1879.

I hereby

John W. Kerr

Esq.

Note.

If fishermen cannot obey this order, to the letter they must hang up their white fish seine altogether.

J. W. Kerr. Esq.

Sir,

16. May 1879. --

I have the honor to report for your information, that on this day, I was on B. beach, in the discharge of my duty, when it was reported to me by Thomas Joyce, a Licensed fisherman there, that Captain Thomas Campbell, Light House Keeper, Burlington Canal Ferryman, and Bridge Tender, of the Sewing Bridge of the Hamilton and North West Railway, that crosses the Burlington Canal, on B. Beach, had fenced in about one acre of Government land, that he as a fisherman, has had in his possession for more than 20. years. --

I also found that some other persons have, (and are) fenced in other parts of the Beach, in the same locality, up as far as the Old outlet there, leaving a Public Road Allowance of only about 48 ft. instead of 66 ft. as by law established on this great thoroughfare. -- This Commences at the old outlet, and runs south towards the Residence of Thomas Joyce, fisherman. -- But it is not so much about this narrow road, and fenced in lots, that I intend to write you about; but it is, the Fishery Reserve on the Bay side, on the West side of B. beach, North of the Canal, which I found had been just recently fenced in, at break neck speed, with the intention of, as I heard of applying for, and getting a Patent of the same, immediately before the Local Elections take place. --

The Fishery Reserve in some places of this fencing in beach; is not one chain from the west side of the public road, or intended public road 48' feet wide, to the waters edge of the Bay, Township Saltfleet, and this fence extends all along B. bay, from the old outlet, south, for about 400. yards in length. -- The fence was commenced the day before yesterday, about 3. o'clock, p.m., and has been pushed forward, east & west at Railway speed. --

Two Men, Carpenters, were working at it, when I was there to day, at 1.30, p.m., and all I could get from them was, that Mr. Frank, P. L. Surveyor, Hamilton, employed them. -- I told them, they had encroached on the Public Road, and the Fishery Reserve, by running the fences at one end into the waters of B. bay, leaving out fisherman Joyce.

I then after met Mr. Frank, the Surveyor, with whom I am acquainted, and I certainly expected to hear the particulars of the Survey, or for whom he was making it; but he spent blank.

Sir,

23. June 1879.

I have the honor, to receive your letter dated 5th June, in which you say:

"If you could substantiate charges for catching or selling fish at Brantford, during the close season, it might be well to bring a few prosecutions, or it might be well to bring a few prosecutions against the principal persons?"

In reply, I beg most respectfully to inform you, that after due enquiries made, I find no person has a desire to give evidence against the persons who offended in this respect.

Neither Henry Griffith, the Chief of Police, nor John McLean, Chief of the Ice Brigade, Brantford; would do it, nor encourage it to be done, so, I believe it is better to abandon this altogether.

I Have &c,

Hon^{ble} MinisterJohn W Kerr
J. O.

Sir,

23. June 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 142, for the sum of Ten dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows; for this current year: —

1. David Barber, Queenston — Balance on his license already received for fishing a Machine and Spear-rod in the Niagara River at Queenston balance is \$1.00.

2. John Laaffe, B. Beach, on acct of his license already received to fish in L. Ontario, " 7.00.

3. William Rudegast, Queenston, — For a license to fish 200, Hooks and lines, in the Niagara River, between the old dam: Mr. and the Queenston Wharf for Sturgeon, —

"This license to expire on the 1st day of August next?" —

2.00.

Total, \$10.00

I Have &c

Hon^{ble} MinisterJohn W Kerr
J. O.

L. V.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on this day before James Cahill Esq^r, J. P. Hamilton, Mrs. Eliza McFoyne wife of Dan. McFoyne, (fisherman on N. beach, Sam. Corey, John Boyle, and George Harrison (the same) were complained of, by George Jones, for fishing for, and catching white fish on the 16th day of June, in Lake Ontario, on N. beach, with a white fish ^{line} ^{and} net, having about 4 rods, by 5 yards of 3" mesh, in the ^{case} ^{of} the in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

Dan. McFoyne was at present at the time. -

Eliza McFoyne, was fined 10, and Costs, Sam. Corey, John Boyle, and George Harrison were fined 5 each, and Costs, and the line, ropes and boat were confiscated. -

George Jones, who brought this complaint, aided by J. H. Corey, against Eliza McFoyne, &c, was one of J. H. Corey's band who was fined as reported in the case against J. H. Corey, Jacob Corey, George Jones, and George Thompson, on 20. of May last, and he saw J. H. Corey, and giving that Eliza McFoyne, who is J. H. Corey's sister had given me the information which led to the conviction of the said J. H. Corey, and Sam. Corey, as the witness Jones, expressed it, brought this complaint out of revenge, as he Jones so expressed it, at the trial. -

I may now inform you that neither Dan. McFoyne, Eliza McFoyne, John Boyle, Sam. Corey, nor George Harrison gave me the information that led to the conviction of J. H. Corey, Jacob Corey, George Jones, and Geo. Thompson for the offence committed by them; as the since this present trial began; John Boyle, and Sam. Corey, told me they were present on the night of 20. May last, when J. H. Corey and Sam. Corey broke the law. -

The Magistrate, James Cahill Esq^r fined J. H. Corey, 10, and Costs, Jacob Corey 10, and Costs, George Jones 5, and Costs, and George Thompson 5, and Costs. -

In obedience to your order of the 14th June, and directed to me, J. H. Corey, has since paid the Police Magistrate \$26, Costs, which were the Magistrate, and two Constables employed in the cases, accused. -

You see nothing as to the disposition of the fines against J. H. Corey, 10, Jacob Corey 10, Geo. Jones 5, George Thompson 5, I respectfully submit this matter now for your decision. -

As regards the confiscation of Dan. McFoyne's white fish line, an impression is abroad, that only the ideal part of the line, that is 4 yards, by 5 yards, of 3" mesh can be legally confiscated. - The balance of the line, being of legal size, is not amenable to the Fishery Law; please read section 10, and sub-section 2 of

Section 18. of the Fisheries Act. -

Wm. McGoyne, the owner of the White Fish Lake, was not himself complained of, by George Jones, nor by J. H. Corey, being away from home at the time hence a rumour is, that the owner of this Lake, should be convicted first, and before confiscation follows.

Please read sub section 3. of Section 9. and sub section 4. of Section 17. of the Fisheries Act. - on which I have given my own views and decision herein.

This is a family squabble, and it is not going to end here, as my other report herewith will show you. -

Yours, obediently

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr

P.S. I was much surprised when I ascertained that a small piece of Lake was slipped in to the White Fish Lake. J. H. Corey, 20.
21. June 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information, that on today after the trial already reported had terminated, J. H. Corey complained to me that last year Wm. McGoyne, made a haul and caught thousands of small young White Fish, in his Lake hauling ground in Lake Ontario, on the N. shore. -

And Mrs. Eliza McGoyne, and Sam. Corey, complained that during last season, J. H. Corey, and his crew fished frequently, and caught small young White Fish, in his Lake hauling ground in L.O., with an illegal seine. -

As about a year, has elapsed since these offences were committed and only now comes to my knowledge when these people quarrel with each other. - I have the honor to submit the matter for your consideration, and respectfully beg leave to ask you, if it is advisable that I should now prosecute these persons, who are brother, and sister, and brother-in-law, and son and nephews. -

Yours, obediently

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
P.S.

Dear Sir,

21 June 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that during this season, I was standing near the Fish Dock at Hamilton, when I was hauled, and conveyed by Mr. W. E. Sanford, M.P., President of the Fisheries Association, of Hamilton who not being in the best of good humor, told me if I did not stop the catching of white fish, in Lake Ontario, by Burlington Beach, fishermen, he would report me. . . .

We have been manufacturing white fish for J. O. "Says Mr. Sanford," and now you throw them to be caught off.

In connection, with the same fishing for white fish at Niagara, that is one, for this season, except in the Niagara River, - the take was splendid there. -

The fishing "as you are aware" - at Burlington Beach, does not commence, until the Niagara take, closes. -

This year it commenced earlier than usual. - I sent a small specimen box of the white fish caught in Lake Ontario, on B. Beach, on last to today to the Fisheries Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa. - that he might see them and judge for himself. . . .

John Smith, the British Agent, here; spoke to me today, about so many white fish, being caught by B. Beach, fishermen and I should stop it, and I heard Henry Pinkley, of Ontario whom Mr. Whitaker knows has been picking up there about so many white fish, being caught by the fishermen on B. Beach.

For my own part, I believe the demand is more than the supply is for; however as the ^{large} take of white fish, has attracted the attention of the "personages", I have above named; I beg to recommend you approve, that the fishermen on B. Beach; be only permitted to haul on Monday, Wednesday - Fridays of each week; and that no other seine hauling, be permitted during the week, on any other wharves. . . .

The fishermen are doing well, their catch is great, and so people it does appear, begin to enjoy them, I however, take a broader, and wider view of this matter than either Mr. E. O. Sanford, Smith or Pinkley, or any other man, and can now prove; that the Breeding of white fish, in the Government New Castle, Irish Breeding Establishment, got up by Mr. Whitaker, and placed under the vigilant superintendence of Mr. Saml. Wilson, has now become a great and magnificent success. - Without my saying any more, the large hauls prove it. . . .

It appears in Mr Saml. Wilcox's annual report, dated 31. of December 1876. - that he had up to that date, deposited 1,750,000, white fish fry in L. Ontario. - - Well from my own imperfect observations, and previous reports, if I said there was now 100,000,000, of young white fish in my division of Lake Ontario, at this present time growing to maturity, I would I believe be still under the mark. -

This great success, owes nothing to the trick, above referred to, and where there is so many white fish, a fair proportion may be legally caught, without waste for public consumption, and so prove what has been accomplished. -

Shall I confine the Seine hauling, to three days only in each week, and let it continue on, or stop it altogether at the end of June, to commence again the 1st of August next, when the fish will have all disappeared until next season. - So for the fishermen on B. Bch this season are observing the law, if I may except those persons, who have been fined, as already reported to you. -

Please excuse this report at once. -

I have &c,

Hon. Ministers.

John W. Kerr
D.O.

My dear Sir,

23. June 1879.

Your letter and contents received. I will endeavour to get down about the latter end of this week, and attend to Mr Stewart. You have not stated to me what kind of fish he speared. -

Y^{rs} &c,
John W. Kerr
D.O.

Mr H. A. H. H. H.
Quebec

Mr. [unclear]

21. June 1879.

I have the honor to report, that the sands of Basin, about 7 miles long, have been driven up, L. Ontario, floating on the water and blasted up, during the early part of this week. -

These fish have evidently been caught, some place down East, and being thrown back again too late to recover and live, have been driven up the Lake by a storm, when they appeared floating about, as I now report to you, I saw them myself. -

There is no sand being fished in my division small enough to catch such small fish; perhaps Belleville might be a good place for you to write and enquire about them. - -

They evidently came up the Lake from some place in the East.

Yours affectionately

I have &c.

John W. [unclear]
D.C.

My dear Mr. [unclear]

23. June 1879. -

I am in receipt of your letter, I have no power to permit your brother-in-law Jas. Stewart, to speak on your ground. - - When I wrote that long letter to you, on the 18th instant, I explained everything, that I thought you should know, and I will not now go back on any thing therein. - -

I had a letter today, from Wm. Verbot, complaining against your brother-in-law for speaking. - I received a telegraph from you this evening telling me to come down at once; what is it you want with me, you must say what it is for, before I come, in any case I cannot come before the latter end of the week. -

Please tell your father, that I have applied for a license for Wm. Rindergass, to fish 200 Hooks and lines between Sec. No. 1, and the Queenston Wharf but this license will not debar your father from fishing 200 more hooks &c, in the same place under his license. - - But this I must tell you, that in future any ground not fished on during 6 months, for which a license is granted, will be taken away from the party obtaining a license for same. - - The license cancelled and the ground be at once given to some other person who may apply or require it, for immediate use. - -

Yours truly
John W. [unclear]
D.C.

John W. [unclear]
D.C.

24.

24. June 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information and decision, that John Alford, a Licensee, on the Niagara River, town of Niagara; complains that persons anchor on his seine hauling ground, and angle for Starling, and other kinds of fish, and prevents him from "Seine hauling" -

According to the following marginal Note in the license thus: Note. - Nothing in this License will be held to prevent angling or trolling within the limits described; the same being accepted subject to such privilege. Angling and trolling can be carried on, and there appears to be no qualification in behalf of the Licensee, as against anglers. &c. -

I have under section 15, the Occupant can remove boats anchored within the licensed limits of his seine hauling ground, as they disturb and injure his fishing there, by preventing him from seine hauling; the Licensee who pays a license fee, should certainly have a prior claim, as against anglers, &c. who pay nothing; and who ^{can} take possession of his fishery, by encroaching on it, and thereby obstructing him in his fishing. I have your decision immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Robert A. ...

P.O.

Note, Herring, Mass, and perch, are just as numerous at Niagara, this season, almost as the white fish.

Saturday, 28. June 1879. -

At Sus: Bridge, Queenston, and Niagara attended before Mr. Stille, Police Magistrate, and gave my evidence in the case of Joseph Gabriel Jr. against David Wilkes - for fishing on his licensed seineing ground, went out at 8. a.m. came in at Niagara at 6. p.m. miles about 60. My fare off 2.75 of \$4 + B. 1.00, dinner tea and bed 75¢.

Sunday 29. June 1879.

At Niagara and Queenston, found all regular, only saw one boat fishing near Thompsons point, but they cleared off to the American side of the Niagara River, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. miles about 15. \$4 + B. ⁴ 1.25. Breakfast dinner tea and bed off 1.00. -

Sir,

21. June 1879.

I have the honor to report that having been in formation received from boats with men, were ordered and fishing all day on Sunday but in the Niagara River near Lewiston, off Thompson's point. --

The place is Canadian Waters and the parties are supposed to be Americans. --

On Sunday next I propose to go down with a couple of your boatmen, and try to get the entire fleet, boats and all for a continuation of the fishing on the Canadian side. --

I have to submit the matter for your approval. --

Yours obediently,

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D.O.

Sir,

22 June 1879. --

I have the honor to inform you that I have just received \$110.14 for the same. --

Under your kind permission to apply this amount as follows for the same reason: --

1. H. H. Henry, to the same for the same reason, amount \$10.00. --

Yours obediently,

I have the

collected

D.O.

Monday, 30. June 1879. --

at Niagara and Lewiston, examined the boundary line between lots 18 and 19, -- of the River. Thence to S. Bridge, went before Mr. Hill, Police Magistrate, and told him, I had examined the place and could add nothing to my evidence. -- went out at 4. a. m. came in at 2.30. p. m. Miles about 60, 14 & 13. 1.25. and 1. -- Breakfast 25.

2nd July 1879. --

Stationary, 50¢ postage 50¢

5th Telegraph 24¢

Sir,

2. July 1879. -

I have the honor to apply to you, for
blank to make out my gratuity, and incidental
accounts. -

Will you be pleased to let me have the same
by return mail.

I am Sir,

Yours Minister,

John Kerr,
P.O. -

2. July 1879. -

I wrote to

John Stand, Green Bay, -
Thos. Elliot, Niagara. -
J. Quince, Toronto. -

and
Mr. Gray - a letter. -

Sir,

2. July 1879. -

I have the honor to report, that David
Dennis, a licensed fisherman at Green Bay, on the
Niagara River, was fined five dollars, and 11.10,
or 30 days in jail, by A. W. Steele, Esq. Police
Magistrate, Buffalo, on Monday last, 30. June last;
for fishing within the reserved limits of Joseph
Gabriel, Jr. which is in the Niagara River, at
Green Bay, and is known as fishing station
No. 19.

I attended the trial on Saturday and
Monday last.

I am Sir,

Yours Minister,

J.

I am Sir,

John Kerr,

St.

July 4, 1879.

I have the honor to report to you information that I have now been the same as before in the lake by several reliable persons, that when you find and find upon small minnows, and fry... several white fish, have been caught, by persons saying you starting, in the St. Lawrence, and Lake, and with the minnow, during the season, in the Niagara River, near the American Port, opposite the town of Niagara...

Also several hundred white fish, when opened in the stomachs of the 24 of July, and the 10 of June... by the Thomas Elliot, fisherman, and that were caught by him this season, with a line, in the Niagara River, near the American Port, some of Niagara, were found with their stomachs filled with small minnows, &c. and in several cases part of this small fry, were digested...

By this discovery it is now established beyond a doubt, that small white fish, shiners, and lake vegetables, is not the only food for the white fish. I give you these discoveries without further comment.

I remain, &c.

Yours, &c.

John A. Hall

St. L.

Saturday, 5, July 1879.

at Clinton, Welland Junction Port Colborne, Niagara. Port Abino, and Port Erie - in compliance with an application made by the Thomas Roney, for a license to fish to Port Abino, in Lake Erie, between Point Abino and Shishler Point, the same being in the Township of Portia, and Humboldt. Left at 8 a.m., came in at 12, paying \$1.00, \$1.00. By fare 2.95, Horse and Buggy 2.00, dinner 55¢, tea 5¢ of bed 25¢.

Sunday, 6, July 1879.

at Port Erie, Clifton and Hamilton. went out at 8 a.m., came in at 4.50 p.m., all day 55¢, By fare 1.20, Breakfast 25¢ dinner 50¢ of 187-
Buggy 50¢ - -

Sir,
 I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, herewith; account and diary of my actual disbursements for travel, and petty expenses incurred while on active duty, during the quarter ending the 30th day of June, amounting to, \$121.28.
 Add. - John W. Kerr, Telegraphs, Voucher, 1, - " 2.86.
 " do. Express Charges, " 2, - " 4.50.
 " do Postages, " 3, - " 1.40.
 " do Stationery, &c. " 4, - " 2.50.
 " do Office Rent, " 5, - " 5.00.
 " C. J. Kerr - Bookman, - " 6, - " 15.00.
 " John W. Kerr, For Constables, " 7, - " 11.50
 Total \$164.14

I beg most respectfully to state for your information, that I travelled a distance of 1,839 miles in the active discharge of my duties, for which charges are made, and the same was in every particular, correct.

Hon: Minister

J. J. Hase &c.

John W. Kerr
Treas.

July 8th postage 50[¢] stamps

Mailed on 9. July 1879 -
 Notices of Chase Season. - Thomas Elliot,
 Do. David Tyson, James Wynne,
 " Rich. Gilbert, John Stand,
 " W. B. Woodland, David Ward,
 " Wm. Englewood, R. Gray,
 " Thos. Mansfield, Francis Stewine,
 " Abm. H. Fobbs, Jas. Cantwell,
 and Mr. Charlotte's Francis Reid.

Sent Jas. Cantwell }
 " Wm. Pendergast }
 " David Tyson }
 Their License.

NIAGARA FISHERY.—The catch in the Niagara river is better this year than it has been for the past fifteen years, the result, no doubt, of the operation of the Fishery Act. This market is now being supplied regularly from Niagara with some of the most delicious lake fish.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your statement of
 account rendered, and amounting to the sum of \$100.00, for the
 quarter ending the 31st day of March 1879, amounting to \$50.00.
 Paid, - John W. Kerr, Express Charges, 4.00, 4.00,
 " do, Postage, 2.00, 2.11,
 " do, Stationery, 5.00, 1.04,
 " do, Telegraphs, 4.00, 1.37,
 " do, Office Rent, 5.00, 5.00,
 " do, Sundries, 1.00, 22.93,
 " do, Kerr, As Postman, 7.00, 15.00,
 Total \$100.00

I beg leave to add in conclusion, that I
 during the quarter 992, slides on Active duties for which
 charges are made, and the same was a very good
 the active performance of my duties. -

Yours, Minister

Sir,

9. July 1879. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank
 draft No. 182, for the sum of Ten dollars. -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for
 a boat license for this current year, which has been al-
 ready received, and delivered to Mr W. B. Woodland, of
 Lakeside, for to fish white fish and Salmon about Gill
 nets, &c. in Lake Ontario.

Yours, Minister

Wm Kerr
 J. W. Kerr
 J. W. Kerr

9. July 1879. Mailed Wm Kerr draft, and for
 Cartmell, their license. -

Wrote James Wynne, C. O. L. Kingston &c

A new fish, which is like a "shad of the
 herring species," has been observed during
 the last two years in the waters of Lake
 Ontario and the St. Lawrence. Shoals of
 them are said to have appeared at Chippewa
 Bay. They are good articles of food, and
 from six to eight inches long. In some
 parts of the river, on the Canadian side,
 according to the Ogdensburg Journal, they
 were taken out by the barrel. They
 are also found in quantities in winter when
 a hole is cut in the ice. The appearance of
 this fish in such numbers and in such a place
 is strange, but possibly some of our
 naturalists will be able to account for the
 fact.

9. July 1879. -

I have the honor to submit to you consideration a petition from Mr. Thomas Rainey of Port Erie, Township of Bronte, in the County of Welland; praying for the privilege of fishing two pound nets in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Charles point, which is situated in the townships of Bronte and Stumbershire, our County of Welland. - -

Between the given points, I consider the distance is about three miles. - -

I have much pleasure in recommending that the same may be at once granted, and that you will be pleased to issue a License for the balance of this season, at the price of sixty dollars, that is \$30, for each pound. - - -

Mr. Thomas Rainey, is father to Mr. John W. Rainey, at present of Ridgeway; who has a License to fish four pounds, in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Woodville point. - -

I have been recently on the ground, and I believe the place is well adapted for pound net fishing. - All of which I respectfully submitted. - -

Yours Minister,

Chas. H.

John W. Ross
Jr.

Thursday, 10. July 1879. -

at Bronte, got to see Mr. Wm. A. Collock.

Fishing Quenser - found every thing (O.K.) all right, instructed him in his duty &c, and enlightened him, on everything he wished to know, went out at 9. a. m., came in at 5. p. m., miles 40. My fare 65 c, dinner 25 c, Stage 55 c, Street Railway 10 c =

July 11. 1879

My dear Harry. —

I will thank you, to stop all persons you may find angling on your fishing grounds, on Sundays, at Thompson's point, Niagara River.

As a friend, and brother, a good subject, a fisherman, and a Christian, please do this next Sunday, and oblige.

Yr. sincerely

John W. Ken
H.O., Hamilton

Mr Henry Sheppard,
Greenston,

9. July 1879.

My dear Sir,

I will thank you to stop all persons angling on your fishing grounds at the Big Rock on Sundays. — It is your duty as a good subject and fisherman. — Be pleased to do this next Sunday, and oblige.

Yr. truly

John W. Ken

Mr Jos. Gabriel Sr,
Greenston,

H.O., Hamilton

9. July 1879.

Also wrote a long letter to Joe Gabriel Jr in which I enclosed his father's, J. W. Ken
Also a letter to Henry Sheppard.
John W. Ken

Monday, 14. July 1879. —

At Clinton, to see Paddy Stand, and enquire how the fall river fishing for Salmon Trout, and White fish was getting on, (he) Paddy told me he was doing pretty well, caught \$15. worth of fish during last week. Went out at 4. a.m. Came in at 10.30. a.m. Miles 30. \$4 & B. 1.50. Breakfast, 25¢. — — —

20. 11. 95¢

Wednesday, 16. July 1879. —

At N. Beach, found all night, heard however that G. H. Corey, Dan. McFoyne and Jack Laffa had been hauled on Tuesday night, — i. Ken.

Went out at 8.50. Came in at 4. p.m. Miles 26. \$4 & B. 1.50. —

20. 11. 95¢

Sir,

21. July 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, that having received information that Peter Bath, licensed fisherman at Port Walhouse, on Lake Ontario, had been fishing and catching small white fish with a three inch mesh - "herring gill net" extension measure. - I left the Town of Niagara on Saturday morning last, at 3.50, o'clock, A.M., and got to Port Walhouse, before Peter Bath, and his son-in-law, had got in after fishing up. -

About 6 o'clock, A.M., Peter Bath, and his son-in-law James Williams, arrived off the Lake, at the landing place, he had 14, small white fish, and 16, blue back Star-ring and roost fish. -

I read over to him, "for the second time," your instructions, dated 18. of December 1878, as to the consequences, which are sure to result, if he caught any more small white fish; and more particularly so, as he knows the fishery law, and all about it, -

I may mention for your information, that he is the only fisherman, at present fishing herring gill nets in my division. -

I have given him, warning number One -

On my arrival at St Catharines, I met two fish dealers there, who informed me, that Peter Bath, had been supplying the Stephenson House, and the Spring Bank Hotel, St Catharines, with young small white fish, he had caught in herring gill nets as above reported. -

I shall have to fine him, and his son-in-law James Williams, if they repeat it, after the warnings I have now given them. -

I Have &c.

Wm. Minister

John W. Kerr
S.O.

My dear Sir,

15 July 1879.

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. to my
 Sir, the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.
 For a license to fish (2) two pounds nets, single gill, or hands in
 Lake Huron, between North shore, and British point, at the harbor
 of this port 1879. -

I may here state for your information that on the 4th
 inst. in submitting the same to the Hon. the Minister, I re-
 commended that a license be given to you, at once, say at
 the rate of \$50. for each pound, \$50. for the two pounds
 for balance of year 1879. -

This afternoon I received an answer to my letter,
 thus: In answer to your letter of 7th inst. you will
 please find herewith a license in the name of Thomas
 Hanning for the privilege of using two pounds nets with a
 single hand or pot mouth, which please countersign
 and deliver on payment of the license fee.

I please send me on receipt, \$50. and I
 will at once send you your license. -

I have not yet heard anything about that
 political petition that Frederick Eden wrote me
 about.

Please tell him, if it ever comes before me
 or a copy of it, I shall say my mind to the
 British department.

I don't suppose it is necessary yet, for me
 to say anything more, until you get your
 license and become a fisherman, and believe
 me,

Yours faithfully,
 Thomas Hanning Esq.

Respectfully,
 John H. Hanning

Friday, 18. July 1879. -

At Bridge Quincaton and Niagara made enquiries
 at Quincaton the date when Advance Lands and fish-
 eries were separated and the latter had been transferred to
 the Crown Lands Fisheries Branch. See my report
 dated 21. of July, got a plan from James Wynne
 went out at 9. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. about
 60. My fare 2.25, Horse & buggy \$3 dinner 50¢
 tea and beer 50¢. -

Saturday, 19. July 1879. -

At Niagara, Mr. Ballance caught Peter Rath and his
 son in law, having 12 young white fish - their
 possession - caught in a 3' mesh gill net
 and turned them over to the Commission.

the Commissioner's letter to Pete and Son in law,
thence to St. Catharines and Hamilton.

Went out at 3.50, a.m., came in at 2. p.m.,
Horse & B. 1.50, Breakfast for two 75¢
Ry fare, charged day for dinner, — Miles 40.
W. A. Co.

"Confidential."

My dear Sir,

Your card is received, I am extremely
obliged to you for the valuable information it contains. —

I will endeavour to come on next Thursday morning,
and in the mean time, I will thank you to keep a vigilant,
and close watch on Pete, so that when I do come down,
I will be in a position to wind him up altogether. —

I will come direct to your place, and will endeavour
to be on hand, when he arrives with his supply for the
Stephenson House, and the Spring Banks Hotel, so that
I can find the small white fish myself in his pos-
session again. —

Don't say a word to any person, lest they may,
put him on his guard; I know exactly where he fished
up, on last Saturday morning, when he only run the
gill nets once, He told me he had 1,000 yards out.

Believe me, Yours sincerely,

Mr James Stephenson

Fish dealer,

St. Catharines, Ont.

John A. Kerr Esq

21 July 1879.

P.S. please ascertain, if he sold white fish
to Barner - to-day, and how many pounds. —

J. W. Kerr,
Esq.

July 23, 1879.

Received.

Ry Cash to Mrs Kerr,	50.	
" do, J. Kerr,	10.	
" do, C. J. Kerr,	15.	
" do, E. L. de B. Kerr,	15.	
" do, Henry Moss,	5,	Sum
" do, S. S. Curtiss,	5,	
" do, Brierly,	1.50.	

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Cash on Hand 5 x 10 = 50

do do 7 x 5 = 35

do do 4 x 1 = 4

89.40.

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My dear Sir,

I have been in Niagara last Friday evening, that you set out your white fish gill nets in the Canadian waters of Lake Ontario, but that you caught nothing; The law is a question says: it is or since fishing without a license is prohibited. I say so too.

I don't want you, or any fisherman in Niagara to take and a boat license, but you must not set your gill nets any more, unless you have a license. —

As soon as the small white fish, so many, beyond the reach of being caught with a hook and line, and you net, or in a fish trap, why then, I will apply, and get you, or any other fisherman, a boat license to fish in Canadian waters, but there is nothing to justify me in allowing you, or any fisherman in Niagara to fish in Dominion waters of the Province of Ontario, without a license; and I have no desire to give any fisherman, nor take a $\frac{1}{2}$ your boat, to set out a gill net, or trap, under license. —

I like to see fishermen catch abundance of fish, provided they are legally caught. —

On last Saturday morning, at Port Bellamie, I caught Rev. Koth, Dutch gate, and his son in law, when they landed; and they had several white fish in their possession, that were caught in a 12 inch fishing gill net.

I don't know yet, what punishment the law may inflict on Dutch gate, — but don't you think it far better, for to stop fishing altogether such gill nets, and to avoid catching small white fish. — I was told also, on Friday last, when at Niagara, that fishermen went out on Sunday nights, and set in American waters: — but John's boat is opposed to fishermen doing this; and no fisherman in Niagara, must for a moment think, that this is an act of justice; because I just saw a man to let John Kotten off, when I caught him, fishing on a Monday morning the 4th of May, at 10 to 11 o'clock, a.m., people should not say out, Kotten, beat Kott, when nothing of the kind happened. —

The Sabbath observance is a very good thing, and one should go out to fish. To go out to fish is a crime, if you do so, even if you don't catch the fish. —

Now now, my friends, having given you so much information, please send it over to the other Niagara fishermen, and I hope you will be all obedient to the laws of God and man, and believe me, yours,
Wm. Stewart

Yours, all sorts
John Kott
Fisherman

John W. Kott, Esq.
21, July 1879,

Notes to Mr. Robert Patterson, -

Full note, for fishing or, and certainly fishing and fishing in Lake Ontario, No. 1000 must not be less than with under a great deal more, or less and a half inch, and the interest in the same...

Between that, and White fish, you must not be less than you could expect to see...

The first thing must be put to rest, this season, by and by, on its beach, before the Commission to get the note, like you the shore or out in Lake Ontario...

Shoring lines must not be given, be less than with in a quarter inch, or two and a half inch, and, interesting measure, and not to exceed 250 yards long...

In fishing or shoring one side of the shoring line must always remain in the shore, and should be there in any case. White fish, however, in by fishing in shoring lines, they must be carefully liberated also! and the shoring line must be the thing up and be given no more, as long as the white fish remain on the ground...

Before shoring lines can be given, white fish fishing on the beach must have terminated there, for at least eight days - After the time of white fish is over...

I will have to examine each shoring line, and pass an inch or a quarter piece of square wood, that the much longer the shoring lines, or shoring fish nets can be given...

I would strongly recommend soft tissue to be always used in shoring lines...

The additional piece will be charged for fishing shoring lines, - Only the shoring lines must be put up first, and properly by me, before they can be given...

Hamilton Ont.

23. July 1879

My dear

Robert Patterson

A.C.

11.12 - A white fish line must have no shoring in any part of it, under 2" inches square,

E. W. K. & Co.

24. July 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the application of Mr Leopold Bauer, and Mr McMeekin, of the City of Hamilton, Owners of the pleasure Steamer Elipse, which was handed to me by Thomas Robertson Esq^r one of the M. B. for the City, with the request that I would forward to you the same.

Before doing so, I called on Mr Bauer; it appears that owing to the wooden work of one of the piers of the B. Canal, or B. Beach, being burned there recently by sparks, from a steamer, it is likely pleasure steamers will be soon prevented from lying up at the canal piers of the B. Canal, when merely running from this City to the Beach on pleasure trips. --

The object then, is to have a wharf of their own; away from the Canal, where they can land at all times, without being hindered, or being under dread of committing damage to the Government property, the wooden piers of the Canal. --

I understand from Mr Robertson, that he called at the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, a short time ago, and he has since told me, that there would be no objection, provided it did not interfere with the Fisheries. --

For a pier to be constructed, where the application is made for, say some 1,500 feet, south of the B. Canal, on fishing station No: 3, in B. bay, and the fishery reserve of one chain on B. beach; will not in my opinion damage the little fishing, that is only carried on there now, for rough fish, for a short time, during every spring; - please refer to the plan of B. Beach, in your office, showing fishery reserve on this station. --

The amount offered by Mr Bauer, annually is 10. a year, is twice as much, as is paid for seine fishing on this ground at present. - And again fishing can be still carried on, if permitted by the department on this seine hauling ground in B. bay, and be all over every spring, before Mr Bauer, and Mr McMeekin, will require to use it, for their own, and more legitimate purposes. --

Mr Bauer stated to me, he would like to get from the department, a seine year, or a 21, years,

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Dear Sir,

28. July 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your information, and consideration, the copy of an order, I have just sent you, for the guidance and observance of the N. Beach fishermen, L.O., and which I hope will now meet your approbation. —

I have been compelled to be strict, and up to the letter, in this matter, owing to the reckless conduct of some fishermen; who, after I have examined Series and Gill nets, and passed them, immediately, as I have reason to believe, have substituted illegal meshes, for legal meshes in White fish Series, less than 4 inches extension measure, altho' the licenses specify they shall not be less. —

I have after much perseverance, succeeded, as I believe I have succeeded in having the 'Herring and Cisco gill nets, fixed in size at nothing less than 2 1/2 inches extension measure; or as it is known amongst the fishermen fraternity, 'Two and a quarter mesh'. — And such being the case, I have come to the conclusion that Herring Series, should have no meshes in them, under a similar size. — And which I hope will also meet your sanction, and approbation. —

White fish, I feel pride in telling you, have become so very numerous this season in my division of L.O. on the Herring, in the Series on N. Beach, and being so numerous, as in past seasons, besides more men and material are employed in the business, catching Herring and Ciscos; that I have long deemed it necessary to have fixed size standard nets for catching Herring and Ciscos, the same being approved of by you. —

It is besides absolutely necessary, that the N. Beach fishermen, should be compelled by you, to do this, so that they may still occupy a prominent position in the market, by adopting their Herring gill nets to such sizes, as will enable them to catch only large herring, full grown Herring and Ciscos of a remunerating value; and so be able to compete with the pound net caught Herring of L. Beach, which have been sold this season at \$1. per Bushel. —

I hope my cogent reasons, will in the matter, meet your approbation.

and with due respect,

Very respectfully,

I remain Yr.

Wm. H. L. O.

ent receipt, for off 172.314 to the department,
on 28th of July 1879.

Sunday, 27, July 1879.

At the Bridge, Queenston and Niagara, saw Henry Shappard,
found all regular. - Thomas B. Rice, Civil Engineer, was with me
went out at 10. A.M. came in at 6. P.M. slides 60. My fare
1.25. 644 B. 12. at 1.50. - dinner 50. tea and beer 50¢.
fare for S.B. Rice 1.25. dinner tea and beer 1.00. - fare C. & N. 4. -
from the City of Toronto to Hamilton, Canada at 10.00.

Monday, 28, July 1879. -

At Niagara, Queenston, S. Bridge, and Hamilton, I.B. N.
Thos Elliot and Alex. Keith and his son, and myself up at
4. A.M. had off the place in N. York A. on Hollingsworth
and Nykerk charts, for small fish breeding establishment.
It is 4.90. long, and 3 chains wide. - and takes in the
plate - and the spring, including the Old Red Bank, and
went to Queenston, S. Bridge and Hamilton, came in
at 2.50. P.M. slides 62. My fare 1.50. breakfast 25.
for I.B. N. 1.50. and breakfast 25¢. fare young Keith 15.
paid W. Hamilton 7.00. } paid Elliot 2.50.
here - paid for fish 1.00.

Permission is hereby given by me to take: John Lane,
Messrs. David Hunter, J. G. Ry, Hamilton, and party, for
to angle, draw, and catch fish with hook and line in the
waters of N. York, as set forth in the notice, up to
up to 1st day of September next. -

If you will give me a copy of the notice, please
take notice. -

Hamilton, Ont.

24. July 1879.

My Son,

John B. Rice,

N. York.

B.I. 1

21, July 1879. -

I have the honor to report, in answer to my former report to you, dated 21st day of June last, as to the complaint made against the Eliza McGovern, Sam: Corey, and George Dawson of 3rd ward, of George Jones, and Fred: W. Cory, J. A. Gilling, Jr., holding me (holding John Gilling, Jr. with a fine of \$100, your yacht, by your yacht in the C. tra, the same being these such most extensive measures, instead of your such most extensive measures, in consideration of the John's boat.

In the same, the John's boat, the Police, Magistrate, and, up to the same, the plaintiff made to him, by George Jones, of the same, and a large John's boat, and a large John's boat, and a large John's boat.

I have also, for the Constable who made the seizure, retained them in his possession, by order of the Magistrate, waiting your decision.

Last Tuesday evening at about 7.30. P. M. the McGovern stable in this city in which the Eliza and ropes (partly partly) were stored, was burned and the Eliza was partly destroyed, and damaged with fire and water, and not being properly insured after the seizure was made.

It is now become rotten in places. The fishing department, is in no way responsible, the Eliza, ropes, and boat seized, having never come into my possession at all, at any time.

I understood from Mr. Cahill, the Magistrate some time ago, after the trial had taken place, that he had submitted the cases, with copy of the evidence for your consideration, and decision. Mrs. Eliza McGovern, Sam: Corey, John Stangel and George Dawson, have appealed against the Magistrate's conviction in each case.

Mr. Charles H. Sadler, their Solicitor, told me before the Eliza was burned, they would pay the fine, if the Eliza, ropes and boat were restored, and they could escape by paying no costs. The Eliza, when the seizure was made, would be worth about \$200, including the ropes.

I consider it my duty to give you the foregoing particulars, and I may add that since the burning and injury to the Eliza, I have expressed the regret, and I find it has been badly burned and injured.

I have &c.

John W. Stangel

J. O.

Hon: Ministers

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21 July 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge a postal card that I have received on - it came by mail from the Town of Niagara, in the sequence of which, I take a line down this in yesterday. A few minutes I would like to get that, I have seen the fish, had caught about 600 lbs of fish last Friday in American Waters, L. O., and I would like to see them on a land in them in Niagara. -

And Joseph Masters and John Keith caught about 200, white fish, with a number of others, and landed them, also in Niagara, in 25 minutes. -

Those fish, they sold to Edward Patterson and by Woodley, Fish dealers. -

Please refer to my letters to you dated 22nd of March, and the 14th of June 1879, on small white fish caught in American Waters, Lake Ontario, near the Town of Niagara. -

I may here state for your information, that I called the Niagara fall net fishermen together at Niagara, on yesterday morning, and they have just fully promised me that they will not let again come in American Waters, Lake Ontario where they would be likely to catch all white fish, with 3 inches, American fish, and so this is the position in which I have to put this case; subject of course to your wisdom, and most able decision. -

The men are poor, and will not fishing for white fish, with legal nets, and I would like to see, has been a failure in American Waters, near the Town of Niagara, this season. -

And with due respect,

I Have Ye.
John W. H.
N.Y.

Yours Truly,
John W. H.

Es,

29. July 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a license to
 use to fish in the waters of Lake Ontario, between the four places for
 and the Conclude Creek, Township of Niagara and
 Granton. -

Having and fishing fish nets must not be galled
 on the grounds or places frequented by small white
 the family for doing which must be paid up over the
 license cancelled. -

The rate of license for each will be \$5.00. -

1. James Bankwell, of Niagara.
2. Charles E. Alfred Rank, do.
3. Joseph Smith and son, do.
4. Robert John Allan, Niagara.
5. John Norton, do.
6. Charles Norton, do.

Living to the considerable quantity of small white fish
 with which my domain of Lake Ontario is so supplied
 and whither they come, should the year it has with them
 denied this season, to surround that license being
 granted to the Niagara fishermen. -

I think it well safe now in recommending that
 you will be pleased to visit gentlemen to the above
 names, as I so consider the young white fish with
 I am most anxious our fishing and pickled gill
 nets, shall not be left in the places where they
 are sure to be caught. -

Yours sincerely

I have to
 S. H. Koon
 S. O.

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have to be caught in a small white fish some
 much not more than mesh in a small white
 fish gill net. - and such fish as are caught

Yours sincerely

I have to
 S. H. Koon

5 Aug, Stationary 50¢^{1/2} N. Stamp 25¢^{1/2}

Friday, 1st of August 1879.

At Port Credit, Blankens Corners, and Hamilton; I saw Geo. J. Wilcox - and young Reid, did not see Francis Reid, nor Charlotte Reid. - Young Reid told me, they had caught 2 small Salmon in their white fish line, and liberated them, again - and at their house, the other up at the lake some heavy ground. Paid \$1.50 for carrying a down to his buggy. - My fare 1.50, dinner 25¢, miles 5¢. - paid nothing all night. -
 100 lbs 1.

Saturday, 4, August 1879. -

At Union a ground all night, Paddy Hand lifted and he caught 10 fish. 16. B. Trout, and 1 white fish, heard that Dick Laaffe was fishing a good catch much white fish gill net - got 7 fish from Paddy. went out at 4.30, a. m. came in at 10.30, a. m. - Miles 36. - H B - 1.50, breakfast 50¢

Sunday, - 7th August 1879. -

Wrote Jim Wilcox - about dead fish floating about
 " John Monaghan, about a line, and to enquire if they
 " Thos. Elliot, heard, where they came from. -
 Eltham O. a

Monday, 6, August 1879. -

At B. B. and as far up as the canal - saw a certain - that Ben. Holms was to fish 45, being 100
 white fish gill net for beaver, - saw that Ben. and Jack Laaffe
 white fish gill net on river side, - went out at 5.50, a. m.
 came in at 3 p. m. - miles 24, - H B 1.50 & New

Tuesday, 9, August 1879. -

Richard Laaffe sent by his wife a Box of white fish to P. H. Bates - Dealer - Hamilton. -

Bates, immediately drew my attention to the fish, and I went and saw Mr. Laaffe, and told he would not seize the fish this time, but would do it if he ever caught such fish again in a fishing gill net, Bates bought the fish. -

This all happened in the Hamilton market. -

Sir,

2 August 1879.

I send the enclosed to receive your letter of 26th of July last, in reply to my communication of 26th ult., regarding a recently issued order, respecting fishing for Salmon, &c., in my division, &c., &c.

In reply, I have the honor to explain to you, that I only issued one written copy of the same to the B. B. Fishermen above; just similar to the copy, I at the same time submitted for your approval. —

I am aware that fishing regulations can be only made upon your recommendation, by the Governor General in Council. —

I have not in this case, and I am not aware that I have in any instance overlooked repeated instructions from the department forbidding me to issue any written notice, without previously submitting it for your approval. —

I have issued no printed regulations in this instance nor in any case except printed notices which I have received from time to time from the department with the Comptroller's name thereto. — I cannot deny but I take a lively interest still in the Fisheries. —

I hope this explanation will be satisfactory. I have under your instructions from the department again and again inserted notes in the licenses I issued, that gill nets, shall not be under such a size mesh. — I, Obed your orders, as I am bound to do. —

As you see above, there is no regulation size mesh, for string and line gill nets, nor yet for string line, every fisherman, being as it were, almost invariably left to his own option in this respect; I thought it again advisable to try, and do something in this matter, always bearing in mind that without your authority, and the Law, &c., &c., my labor is in vain. — Hence I submitted to you one copy, for approval, giving the other copy to the B. B. Fishermen: both being the facts in this case. —

I remain &c.

The other:

The attached copy.

John O. Hall.

J. O. Hall.

Swi.

10. August 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information, that large quantities of small white fish, bisco's, and black - ~~fish~~ are now floating about on the waters of Lake Ontario brought up, in my opinion of the Lake, by an Easter blow; what killed them is to me a mystery. However! some people say, it was the storm and high wind.

I wrote and reported to you on the 21st day of June last, that thousands of biscuits, now at that date, seen in the bottom of the waters of Lake Ontario, dead and floating about.

At the present time, small white fish (Alburnus) has become so numerous that it is dead-end to attract my attention again, and such being the case I deem it my duty to bring them again under your personal notice. Some years back of my service in L. A. we were once - perhaps at the same place - where they used to float about. I refer to you very sincerely.

Hier! glänzt.

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and it is a great relief to have a - - - - -
drawn - - - - - are not / please - - - - -
receive the stock. - - - - -

I have 2.

Robertson

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Ann, 1812

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July 11, August 1879.

On 13. Dec., saw Jack Gaffa, and Niles, the boys
and also L. Gaffa, and Mrs Dick Gaffa; spoke in some
terms what I would do if Dick Gaffa or any body
else. I am't young white folk with an illegal bill not
sue it out at E. A. on cause in at 1. p. on
Jan 20. At B. 1.50. C. G. K. with me —

Sunday 17. of August 1879.

Observed a Boat out in front of fishing stations, occasionally of stations No: 7. and 8. - say from about 10. a.m. until 1.30. p.m. - Lake Ontario. -

Monday 18. August 1879. -

On N. beach, ascertained that Alex: Rollo, and his son ^{Wm} Rollo, had gone out after the storm of Friday night, Saturday, and Saturday night in L. Ontario to take up their white fish gill nets. - met Bill Rollo, who is a very saucy boy - and he told me his father and him, went out and took up the nets. - they were badly damaged by the storm, and expecting another storm, they went out, and lifted the nets, they only caught 3 fish, but a large lot of weeds. -

I warned him, as to the consequences, if he ever repeated the offence again; - He replied, he supposed they could do nothing without my liberty. -

I told him to tell his father, I wished to see him; he replied where! I answered at my own place. -

Tuesday 19. August 1879. -

On N. Beach, saw J. Corey, who informed me Fred: Corey, challenged him - the day before, for telling (J. W. Kerr) me, he had caught 4 b. small white fish with a Herring seine, in L.O. and for which he was fined.

Saw Alex: Rollo, and spoke to him about fishing up on Sunday last, and for setting his gill nets within (2) miles of a beaming ground; Alex: is French and pretended ignorance; - I told him the danger, that I saw the Boat out myself, and up to the time and the place where and when it came in - That had I come down then, I would have had to take the Boat and Nets, and I warned him not to repeat the offence. - Alex: felt small, tried to excuse himself &c. &c.

I think perhaps under all the circumstances of the case, He will be more particular in future. - as I told him, if he was guilty, any more, I would renew the Sunday Case against him. -

Went out at 2. p.m. came in at 6.30. p.m. - Miles 20. At N. B. 1.50. E. Kerr with me -

Sir,

21. August 1879.

I have the honor to answer my application, as follows: "Of the 29th of July last, "For boat license in behalf of the Niagara fishermen - Not yet paid for!"

"Of the 7th of August, "For boat license, for Alex. Thomas, of Gabrielle - paid for!"

And a boat license for Alex. Rolles, of B. Beach, "For to fish 5,000 yards of Salmon Trout, white fish, Murre, and blue gill nets, in L. Ontario, in front of the Township of Eriehart. - The Murre, and blue gill nets 2 1/2 inches extension, shall not be fished on the bars, frequented by young white fish; "Paid for 31 of May last."

Yours sincerely,

John W. Sten

D.O.

Monday, 25. August 1879.

At Uniona, and Grimsby - found all O.K. -
John Sten - Caught 56 fish - Paddy Sten only 5,
Got 9 fish from John Sten - and Paddy's 5. -
went out 5. a. m. came in at 3.50. p. m. -
Miles 40, - \$44 B - 2.00, -

Sent 3 large white fish to Mr. Whitehead
Charges 1.00

Thursday, 28. August 1879. -

At Uniona, to get some (2) white fish, for Sam^l Wilmet,
which he wanted to put up, and stuff, for the Ottawa
Exhibition, - sent them in a box of saw dust and ice,
the same afternoon - by express, - Paddy Sten, caught
14 fish, altogether, - I got 2, as above and a trout, went
out at 5. a. m. came in at 11.50. a. m. Miles 30. \$44 B -
1.50, - Wrote Sam^l Wilmet, and telegraphed him. - - -

Sat: 30. August 1879. -

At Port Credit - Inquiring about illegal fishing
up the Credit River on the flats J. G. Wilmet at
his son Henry with me, went out at 8. a. m.,
came in 6.50. p. m. Miles 66. Ref fare, 1.90.
dinner 25¢. Boat off 1.00, -
Total 3.15,

Dr. 1

27. August 1879. -

I have the honor to send you herewith bank draft No 320, for the sum of sixty dollars, which I only received here this day. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as a license fee, on License for fishing Two pound Nets in Lake Erie, "Single heads" - between point abino, and Shiley or Acres point, in the townships of Bertie, and Dunbarstone; for the balance of this year, and ending 31st day of December next; The License being issued to Thomas Ranney, and son. of Erie; and delivered this day. - -

I may here take the liberty of saying a few words in behalf of Mr John W. Ranney and his father, the present Licensees for fishing his ponds between ^{these} point and Acres point, in Lake Erie, which I hope will meet your consideration and approval. - - -

Mr J. W. Ranney having to build a wharf, fish house, ice house, and a freezing establishment, and so as to run the fishing hereafter more successfully, a few more boats will be required; and he solicits from the Fisheries dept a three years Lease, say from 1st of January 1880. -

I may here say, for your information, that I find Mr John W. Ranney, "is unlike almost all other fishermen" - He is law abiding, and a careful man, and so communicative as regards the success of his pond net fishing; that I consider any privilege, that the dept can legally bestow upon him, will be highly esteemed and appreciated by him. -

I have therefore much pleasure in recommending that you will be pleased to grant to Mr John W. Ranney of Bertie, a three years Lease, for fishing in pond nets in L. Erie between Windmill point, and Acres point, from 1st of January 1880. -

My object in applying at this early stage, is, that Mr Ranney, may commence preparation in the several branches of his pond net fishing business, which an annual license does not guarantee.

Hoping you will pardon me, for applying so far in advance, believe me, that I do so in my zeal for the prosperity of the fishing; and with due respect, I have &c.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. H.

John W. Ranney

J. O.

P.S. - The price for each pond, not less than 60¢ each, however, for going to be hereafter fixed.

W. H. H.

August 1877.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date; from the Toronto office.

It appears that about the beginning of the month of July last, Messrs John and Charles Bolton, fishermen, Town of Niagara, set out on the Bass beds, in Lake Ontario, American Waters, about 500 yards of white fish gill nets, for the purpose of catching Bass.

And Messrs Charles and Alfred Ball, fishermen of the Town of Niagara - set out at the same time and place, about 500 yards of the white fish gill net for a similar purpose. - The Customs Officer of Youngstown, U.S. - seized the gill nets "not being" - I learned of the seizure at the time a few days after it happened; and I have talked with John Bolton, and Alfred Ball, since about the matter. -

The Orders from the Department is, if our fishermen, offend against the American fishing laws, they do so, at their own risk, I have frequently myself warned and advised them not to set on the Bass beds, which is close in shore, behind the American Fort. -

It was the first time, for the Messrs. Boltons to set there; none of them have set their gill nets there since. - I am aware, and they told me so themselves, that they were warned by American authorities not to do so, before the late seizure was made; it appears they wanted Bass, for the Queen's Hotel, Niagara. -

John Bolton and his brother Charles, are reckless, whilst the Balls are very careful young men, and they regret the matter very much. - I am aware that the Ball were urged to set there, by Bennett, one of the Proprietors of the Hotel, otherwise they would not have done so. -

The American fish net fishermen always set on the same ground, (Bass beds,) and for the matter of that Canadian fishermen, can at all times get this, by just going just to Youngstown, U.S. - enter their Boat and nets in the Custom House. -

I Have &c.

Yours faithfully

John Bolton
S.A.

John W. Kerr Esq.
Stamilton, -
Dear Sir,

Hillsburg, -
August 27, 1879. -

I am now in a position to successfully carry out (I think) fish breeding as a commercial industry, if I can get permission to take trout, and trout spawn this fall. - If you can, will you kindly get me the necessary permission.

The trout fishing has been very good here this summer, and I believe it is attributable to a great extent to my former hatching operations. -

Yrs respectfully,
George A. Lacey. -

No. 8. -

If I get the permission I require, I will endeavor to prevent the illegal fishing that has been going on, to a great extent these two years past in this neighbourhood. -

G. A. L.

Sir,

30. August 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration an application, I have just received from Mr. George A. Lacey, of Hillsburg, township of Erin, in the County of Wellington, - soliciting your permission to catch speckled trout, and obtain speckled trout spawn, during the approaching fall, and in close season; for the purpose of restocking his fish breeding ponds in Hillsburg. -

And I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. Lacey, bred thousands of speckled trout, in a former speckled trout breeding establishment, he had in Hillsburg; but a great freshet, one night, swept all away; this was about 6 years ago; when he had from the department, a similar privilege to that he now solicits. -

I recommend the permission to extend over the trout streams, situated in the Townships of Caledon and Erin, and with due respect,

Yours sincerely,

I Have, &c,
John W. Kerr
D. A.

Worth Remembering:

From a placard published by Mr. W. F. Whiteher, Commissioner of Fisheries, we gather the following:

Speckled trout, brook or river trout, cannot be caught from the 15th of September to the 1st of May. Salmon trout, lake trout and whitefish cannot be caught from the 1st to the 10th of November; net or seine fishing without licenses is prohibited. Nets must be raised from Saturday night until Monday morning of each week. Nets cannot be set or seines used so as to bar channels or bays. Indians are forbidden to fish illegally the same as whitemen. Each person guilty of violating these regulations is liable to fine and costs, or in default of payment is subject to imprisonment. No person shall, during such prohibited times, fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell, or have in possession, any of the kinds of fish mentioned above.

Sir,

30, August 1879,

I have the honor to apply to you, for three of
of the last Annual Report of the Fisheries.

I want one each, for two worthy fishermen of my div-
ision; and a third one for the purpose of lending round to
be read by fishermen; who begin to take a more warm
interest in our fisheries, and the able management by the
department at Ottawa, of the same.

Your compliance will much oblige.

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

September 1st 1879, Monday.

at Grimsby and Winona - getting white fish for Sam
Wilcock to cure, stuff, and show at Ottawa.

Went out at 5. A.M. came in at 5.30. P.M. Mile
38. H & B - 2.00 - Breakfast 25 - 12 for white fish #1. H

Sir,

b. September 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft
No. 346, for the sum of twenty dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for Boat
Licenses, to fish Gill Nets, in Lake Ontario, during this cur-
rent year. - Township Niagara?

1. Mr. Alfred, and Charles Mall, to fish 4,000 yds of lines, pickeral and white fish gill nets.	\$ 5.00
2. John Bolton, do - 3,000 yards do,	5.00.
3. James Cantwell, do. 4,000, do, do,	5.00.
4. Robt J. Allan, do, 2,000. do, do,	5.00.
and with due respect	Total \$ 20.00

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

D.O.

Hon. Minister,
H. H. H.

Licenses already received and delivered.

B. S. Kerr

D.O.

Sir,

9 September 1879.

I have the honor to apply to you, for licenses in B. bay, and in L. O, on B. beach, for the undermen-
tioned persons; The licenses to be the same as those issued by you last year, and previous years. . . .

- | | |
|--|-------|
| 1. Messrs John Barry, and S. H. Ghent, | 5.00. |
| 2. R. W. Wamys, and Jas. E. Duckett, | 5.00. |
| 3. Col. H. B. Villiers, | 5.00. |
| H. L. Basteen, - | 5.00. |

and with due respect

I have &c

John W. Laro

J. O.

note Sam: Wilcox - 12 Sep: 1879. Postages 24.4

" John W. Ramsey, - do. - and answered
the White's letter on 13, instant. - -

My dear Sir,

Yours of 12, instant received, enclosing me (2.) copies of appeal served upon you by Enosh Patchet Jr, and John Patchet, who have been joined upon your Complaint, for a Contravention of the Fisheries Act. - You have nothing to apprehend in these cases, as I will have a Lawyer there, (at Norampton) when the quarter sessions is held to attend to the cases. - I will in the mean time see a Lawyer here, and have read the Notice of Appeal, and find out what he thinks about them. -

My own impression is, they don't amount to any thing; It will however be necessary for you to have all the witnesses at the quarter sessions at Norampton, whenever it is held, say some time in December next. - -

I am sorry to hear your leg is so bad, I will come down soon, believe me, Yrs Sincerely,

John W. Laro
J. O.

Sam: J. Wilcox Esq
J. O. answer
Post Credit

Hamilton.

My dear Sir -

Yours of the 2nd instant, was duly received by me. - Thomas Thomas, of Oakville, whom you allude to, paid for his license some time ago; - and I sent him his license today; don't annoy him in any way, as I don't think he will do any act, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

He need not show you his license. - If he objects, he has a perfect right to do so! and you could neither do, or say anything against him for it. -

This lively wind, we are having daily, ought to bring in abundance of Salmon towards the mouths of the 12 and 16. for instance. - Keep a close eye out for them. -

Ask Billy Engledew or Sam Joyce if they know who it is that is fishing for Nets in Lake Ontario - west of Port Nelson. - I hope you are all in good health, - and with my kind respects to Mrs. Pollock, am, your

Believe me, Yrs. sincerely

W. D. Pollock Esq

J. Guardian

Monte.

John D. Dero

Toronto

6. September 1879. -

Wednesday, 3rd September 1879. -

at S. Bridge, Quesserton, and Niagara - received license for - for Meats and Gill Net fishing in L.O. in township of Niagara - as per letter, dated 6. Sep^r went out at 8. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. miles 60. Ry \$2.25¢, dinner 50¢ \$4 & B. 3.00, - ~~See & Book~~ 50¢.

Saw Mr. J. B. Klumb, M.P. and gave him the plans and description of about 3½ acres of Old Fort George - which he applied for, as a Fish Hatchery. Jc \$6.25¢.

Thursday, 4. September 1879. -

at Niagara, 3½ butherines and Hamilton. Got the day from Chas and Alfred Poole \$5, John Bolton \$5, James Cartwell \$5, and from Robt. J. Al-
lan \$5, went out at 10. a.m. came in 5.30. p.m. miles 46. Stage fare 50¢, breakfast 25¢, dinner \$1.00. -

Boolecap 25¢, Letter paper and envelopes 75¢.

Postages 25¢

Monday, 8. September 1879. —

at ^{for} Credit, and Spring field, see my report of 7th instant, — Attended trial, and made supper &c. went out at 6. a. m., came in at 10.30. p. m. — Miles 60. Ry fare 2, 54 & B. 2, B. 4, and dinner 75.

Friday, 12. September 1879. —

at Winona, got four White fish, from Raddy Island, sent 2, to Mr. Whitcher — went out at 5. a. m., came in at 3. p. m. — Miles 36. 54 & B. 2.00, Express charges 90¢.

Tuesday, 16. Sep: 1879.

On N. beach, and at Wulages - Barton, making preparation to catch bass, for Show fair Ottawa, by order of Wm. D. Whitcher - Commissioner of Fisheries. —

Edward Kew with me. — went out at 9. a. m., came in at 6.30. p. m. Miles 26. 14 & W. 2.00. — and Edward 75.

Wednesday, 17. Sep: 1879. —

at Susp: Bridge, Queerston, and Niagara, brought down barrel to get live Bass for Ottawa - Show fair - thence to Niagara; Had been at Jagers set out fyke net in Second Inlet. — for to catch bass; — went out at 3. p. m. came in at 12. M. Night, — Miles 60. Ry fare 2.25. — Sea and bed 50¢. 54 & B. — 2.00. —

Thursday, 18. Sep: 1879. —

One day, at Niagara; — Went before Wm. Kirby Esq. J. p. with Ess. Gabriel of Queerston, who lodged complaint agt David Dohar of Queerston — a fisherman — for a trespass on his fishing — on 12th instant, Mr. Kirby appointed 3. o'clock p. m., but the defendant not appearing, a warrant was issued for his apprehension — the case to be tried at 8. a. m., next day. Board and bed off 1. Boat and man catching White Bass. —

Friday, 19th Sep: 1879. —

at Niagara, Wm. Kirby Esq. J. p. heard the case agt David Dohar, as above — he was fined \$5. and costs, or 30 days in jail. —

Thence to Sus: Bridge and Marquette, went out at 11. a. m., came in at 6.30. p. m., Miles 60. 54 & B. 2.00 — dinner and Breakfast 50¢. —

Hamilton, May 3/5, etc.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 15th instant, stating that you have 500 gals of 5th seal gill nets, and would like to know what a license would be for the balance of the year, to fish the same.

Seeing that it is yourself that is applying, please send me \$3. and I will apply to the Fisheries department, and obtain from the Hon^{ble} the Minister a license for you to fish 500 gals 5th seal gill nets for the balance of the year 1874. —

At Ottawa Store
Hamilton N.O.
Humberstone N.O. —

Do, 22. Sep 1874.

Telegrapher — To J. W. Ramsey Ridgeway — 37th
Do. Do. Lab. — 37th 25th
Do. Capt. Campbell. B. 15th 15th

Expenses
6.50
1.90
1.00
1.45
10.85
1.00
9.85
1.00
2.00
25
10.20

Monday, 22. September 1879. — and Tuesday 23. Sep 79
at Ottawa, and N. Bay. From ship, to get specimens of Bass - to
take to Ottawa: — Thence to G. W. Railway Station, and off to Ottawa.
Train 3.00. Railway gave \$9.95. Board \$1. — Express charges 6.50.
Paid for Carriage in Ottawa, to the show grounds \$2.00. for living fish.
Went out at 8. a.m., 22 instant, came in at 7.30. a.m., 23rd
Miles 371. for boat to Toronto Island 16.20

Tuesday, 23rd Sep: 1879. — —
Board, and Bed, at Ottawa \$1.00 Miles 3. — 25th

Wednesday 24. September 1879. — & Thursday 25.
In Ottawa all day until 10.30. p.m. — at the show
grounds; paid for going into the grounds, \$1.45 and for Cab
50¢. Board Bill \$1.00, Miles 6. — 16.20
Left Ottawa, for Prescott, and Toronto, at 10.30. p.m.
for sleeping Car \$1. — Breakfast 50¢, dinner & tea and bed
\$1.00. From Ottawa to Toronto, and the Toronto Island, is
about 170 miles; — Ferry, and boat 50. —

Friday, 26. Sep: 1879. —
at Toronto Island and Hamilton, Breakfast, and dinner 75.
went out at 10. a.m. came in 2.30. p.m. Miles 46 — Boat 50.

27. Sep: 1879.
 I have the honor to apply to you, for a supply of Blank forms; viz:
 1st Account and Diary, of ——— 50.-
 2nd Voucher Blanks, ——— 100.-

I Have &c.
 Hon: Minister,
 F. F. F.
 John W. Kerr
 D.O.

29. September 1879.-
 I have the honor to report, that on the 19th day of September instant, before Wm. Kirby Esq: J. P., at the Town of Niagara, and County of Lincoln - David Warrar, a licensed fisherman at Lusserton, in the Niagara River, was fined \$5. and \$5.95 of costs, or 30 days in St. Catherine's Jail, - for maliciously trespassing on the fishing grounds, and within the licensed limits of Joseph Gabriel Esq: of Lusserton, on the 12th day of September instant. - My trying his boat on the said fishing ground, so as to injure, and damage and disturb his fishing, and which he David Warrar, refused to remove until after the trial, on the 19th instant, when the case was proven against him. -
 I Have &c.

Hon: Minister,
 F. F. F.
 John W. Kerr
 D.O.

I was present at the trial, and proved Gabriel's license. -
 J. W. Kerr.
 D.O.

Tuesday, 30. September 1879. -
 At St. Catherine's, to see Peter Bath, and Jas. Williams Jr. of Mr. Balhouse's, on fishing business - came back by next train - Miles 94. My fare \$2.00, dinner 25, \$4.05 50¢

Thursday 2nd October 1879. - -
 In West Blamhoro, as far as Mr. John Keivals, to inspect a speckled trout pond, in course of construction, gave him my advice in the matter, went out at 7.30. On, on, came in at 3. p. m. Miles 28. N.Y.R. 2.00, dinner for two 50¢. E. Kerr, with me. - 22.50.

29. Sep: 1879.
I have the honor to report, that it will be my duty, on the coming stream in my division. -

1. Lynds. or Lyons Creek, -

2. The Range, -

3. Duffins Creek -

4. - St. Lawrence Creek -

and The Hunter, and the River Credit, about Streetsville, Meadowsdale and Springfield. -

Instead of Harry Maon - I wish to have Peter Joslin engaged on the Range, because he has promised me faithfully to protect and preserve the present salmon in this stream, - and I believe such a change is absolutely necessary. - Harry Maon, is too large; - and he has too many longshoremen, salmon poachers. -

Yours, Sincerely,

I Have &c,
John W. Kerr
D.O.

P.S. - I have had valuable information given me, by Peter Joslin.
Yours, J. W. Kerr. D.O.

Mailed on 1st of October 1879 -

with

Letter containing Boase draft \$144. -

Receipts

for Quarters Salary, - 30. June 1879.

" " " " 30. Sep: 1879.

When &c.

Memorandum

Received Salary, to 30. Sep: 1879. -

\$125.

May paid A. to Children for his portion

of the 1st of October 1879. - his office

\$5.00

May paid S. Loring - old acct.

9.

May paid Jas. Cahill Jr.

10.

May paid Church Warden Lupton.

Now Rent, to 1st Oct: 7

10.

May Cash paid License fees -

25

My balance on hand -

21

\$125 -

paid J. Morrison \$5. on 2 Oct: 1879

Sir,

4. October 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your perusal, and approval; herewith, account and diary of my actual disbursements for travel, and petty expenses incurred by me, while on active duty, during the quarter ending 30th of September 1879, amounting to.

\$101.454.

Add. - John W. Kerr, For Stationary, Voucher. 1. - 2. 00. -
 " Postages. " 2. - 1. 74. -
 " Telegraphs. " 3. - 1. 56. -
 " Office Rent, " 4. - 5. 00. -
 " Express charges, &c. " 5. - 10. 85. -
 on job, to Ottawa Exhibition, &c. " 6. - 11. 00. -
 " Edward Kerr, Bookman, " 7. - 1. 30. -
 " John W. Kerr, Travel Exp. " 8. - 1. 30. -

Total \$155.404.

In conclusion I beg most respectfully to report, that I travelled during the quarter just ended, a distance of 205 miles in the active discharge of my official duties, and for which charges are made, and the same was in every instance absolutely necessary.

I Have &c,

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

John W. Kerr

John W. Kerr
T.O.

Hamilton, Onto,

My dear Father Gordon, -

6. October 1879. -

How is the N.P. getting along with you now, I mean only, as regards Salmon in Duffins Creek. - I am directed by the Department to engage two local Guardians, for Duffins Creek this fall. - I only suppose as a matter of course, you will have no objection to put on the Armoire again, and act as Senior A, No. 1. - and so as to make it look a little like a family compact!! perhaps one of your sons will engage to be the other one.

As the time is fast approaching in the N.P. Salmon will be making its run please let me hear from you at once; and with my kind and warm respects to you and yours, believe me

Yr. Sincere
 John Gordon Esq
 Duffins Creek.

Yr. Sincere
 John W. Kerr
 T.O.

Sir.

4. October 1879.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, an approved application from James Williams Jr of Port Dalhousie, fisherman, for the position of a Light House Keeper there, at the mouth of the Welland Canal.

I beg most respectfully to report for your information, that I have known James Williams Jr for the last 14 years, as boy and man. He is now about 26 years of age, and is married, and has a wife and two children.

I consider him a deserving young man, of good character, he is sober, industrious and diligent; and would I believe make an excellent ^{and capable} Light House Keeper, being accustomed to boats, and as Captain of a tug; towing vessels in and out of Harbour at Port Dalhousie, thus making him in that respect a suitable person for the place.

The persons who have signed his petition (application) and Certify as to his Character, are some of the most respectable and prominent business men in St Catharines and Port Dalhousie, as David Brown, Merchant, Captain, &c, &c, in connection with, and interested in the good management of the Light House, and the Navigation of the Welland Canal.

I believe Mr. J. C. Rykert, M. P., for Hamilton, would have recommended Mr. Williams for the appointment, had he so far applied to him.

I Have &c.

Yours faithfully,
H. H. H.

John W. Kerr
J. C.

4. October 1879. Stamp 24/10

Thursday 9th October 1879.

at Winona, to see Paddy Starch, and get white fish from him to send to Ottawa, went out 6. a. m. came in at 4. p. m. Miles 40. N. & B. 2.00. R. 25. Expenses charged on job to Ottawa 2.00.

My dear Lacey. -

Hamilton, Onto

I have received yours and submitted the same to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa; and in reply, I write this to you. -

I am to request you to please state what proofs you possess of the existence and character of the establishment you say Mr Lacey, now has. -

Please give me now, and at once an accurate description of your present fish Rearing Establishment, particulars in full of size of ponds, Hatching House, every thing. - I have also asked Mr. J. H. Village - to go and see your place and report to me

Geo: A. Lacey Esq
Hillsburg
Onto

Yr. H.

John W. Kerr Esq
O. C. 1879.

My dear Hull.

Hamilton, Onto

Will you be so good as to run up to Hillsburg, examine the place Geo: A. Lacey's speckled trout, establishment, ponds, Hatching, &c, as now in existence in Hillsburg in his place, and report to me in a full description, fish, and every thing at present there for the information of the Fisheries Department Ottawa. -

I hope Mr Hull, your children and self are in good health and flourishing. Believe me as ever,
Yr. H. John W. Kerr Esq
O. C. 1879.

Wm Hull Esq
Hillsburg
Onto

Postage stamps 50 c.
on
of the October 1879.

My dear Wilcox,

7. October 1879.

At this time is drawing near, when the parent salmon will be running up the River to spawn. I have to draw your immediate attention at once to this River. I would recommend you to examine the Quail carefully from spring field down to the Indian Village; if nets have been used, or spearing is carried on, you will surely find with your eyes several good numbers. -

We must catch some of the depredators. - I have engaged Thomas Harris again this fall, by order from Ottawa, as between you and he, I believe the Salmon should be well protected. -

I was in Ottawa during the storm (fall), I will come down soon, perhaps this week to see you, at once

Jas. J. Wilcox
J.O.
P.O. Credit

J.O.
Joh. W. Harris
J.O.

I have written Robert Long Esq. J.P. and will write him again today.

J.W. Harris
J.O.

White Paddy Stand
about White fish in Quail
this day. -
J.W. Harris J.O.

My dear Pollack,

I wish to inform you, that the parent Salmon, will be soon running up the 12 and 16 mile Quails to spawn. -

Will you be please to redouble your exertions for their protection; no spearing, no Light No Nets, nor fish box traps of any kind are permitted to be used by any person in the 12 or 16 mile Quails, under any circumstances whatever.

W. H. Pollack Esq.
J.O.

Yrs. fraternally
Joh. W. Harris
J.O.

7. Oct. 1879.

Wednesday, 8. October 1879. —

At Jordan, to see Richard Gilbert, and Michael Moyer, who complained to me, that Bert, son of Jordan Village Constable, Absalom Foster, and his son Gordon Foster - living on Roberts point. — Henry Wheeler, ex-Warden of Lincoln. — Abraham Hensberry of Jordan, and Birch of , and the of Jordan, who sends money, did fish and stand a line in Lake Ontario, on Saturday night the 4th of October, on his seine hauling ground, and catch a large quantity of fish to wit 10 Bush Baskets full, after 6 o'clock p.m., and in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —
Went out at 8. a.m. came in at 7. p.m. — miles 80.
dinner 25¢. 44 B. 1.50. — Ry fare \$1.50. 23

Monday, 13. October 1879. —

Mailed Close Season Order — to the following:

1. Lewis Maffey, J. Maffey, St Catharines. —
2. Cooke Esq. Jordan P. Office. —
3. G. L. Hicks, J. The Stumber, Illinois P.O. —
4. Henry Wheeler, ex Warden, Jordan P. Office. —
5. John W. Ramey, J. Bertie, Ridgeway. —
6. Abraham St. Robb, J. Beausville. —
7. Abraham Stoner, J. Frenchmans Bay, Amherst. —
8. Thomas Mansfield, J. do. — do. —
9. Sals Wright, J. do. — do. —
10. Francis Robins, J. Sales Gully, Amherst. —
11. Thomas Elliot, J. Niagara. —
12. Harry Shppard, J. Queenston. —
13. David Ward, J. Soda Island, Toronto. —
14. Charles W. B. J. The Stumber, Illinois. —
15. Wm. Sugden, J. Toronto. —
16. Richard Jones, J. do. —
17. Thomas Thomas, J. Cobourg. —
18. John Bolton, J. Niagara. —
19. Joseph Gabriel, J. Queenston. —
20. George White, J. White P.O. —
21. James L. Wilcox, J. Port Credit. —
22. Constable Bert, Snows Jordan P. Office. —
23. Thomas Jones, J. B. Beach, B. P.O. —
24. John Mansfoot, J. White. —
25. Thomas Harris, J. J. Stokerville P.O. —
26. Wm. Wallace, J. L. Leblenville, P.O. —
27. Peter Leslie, J. J. Port Union. —
28. Wm. Charlotte Reid, J. J. Port Union. —

W. L. L. J. O.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton Ontario.

As I promised you in my former letter: I have now much pleasure in forwarding you, two convictions, I have had drawn up here - by a Lawyer friend of mine, in the cases of Enoch and John Hatchet, fined by you on the 8th of September last, for a contravention of the Fisheries Act. -

My friend informs me, that Convictions made out by you similar to the enclosed or the enclosed Convictions themselves - signed ^{sealed} and dated by you is all sufficient. - This form of Conviction, is given in the Fisheries Act; 31. Vic; Chap: 60, - Assented to 22nd May 1868. - -

Only one offence can be inserted in the Convictions; to enter more would invalidate the Conviction altogether. -

And with my kind regards, and respects, believe me, -

Yours Obediently,
John H. H. H.

14. October 1879.

Robert Cox Esq
J. H.

Springfield.
Credit Office.

Evening 14. October 1879. I wrote
J. J. Wilcox Port Credit on the same subject.
W. H. H. H.

Manager

Thursday, 16. Oct. 1879. -

On M. beach, distributing close season Notices.
went out at 8.30. a.m. Came in at 4.30. p.m.
took home my trap net, from which I got
and Wooden Fish Bait. - slides 30.
44 B. 1.50. dinner 50 c. 22.00

My dear Kate,
 Your received, please get the hat for me
 of that Salmon you say you saw in the Range, put it up
 to dry & keep it for me. --
 As for bottles, don't mind them, unless they have a catch
 Salmon. --

It is of no consequence about what the Government says,
 as respects any person. Let me hear every thing, that
 Peter Joshua sees in his own proper person, during the late Salmon
fall of 1879. --

The Fishery Dept. will not allow a cl to watch Salmon
lake and unless you can do better than those who use it
cl you. The Range will perhaps meet a similar fate,
 with you; about Peter, do your duty like a man, and
 remember your promise. --

Yours truly,
 14. October 1879.

J. W. Kerr
 S.O.

P.S. Did you tell, Mr. Maxwell, or Jack
 Gobbit, you are watching Salmon. --
 you remember you told me, no one should know
 until you caught some person.

Mr. Peter, be careful. -- J. W. Kerr
 S.O.

My dear S.O.,
 I regret to inform you, that
 the Fishery Department, Ottawa, will not allow
 any thing this fall, for watching or protecting
 present Salmon in Lyons Lake. --

And so Jack, my dear friend, I must dis-
 miss you with your services. -- However! should you
 hear of any depredations being committed, I hope
 you will tell your friend.

John Randolph Esq.
 Whistler B.C.

John W. Kerr
 S.O.

14. Oct. 1879.

Note paper 15. News 55.8

Let.

6, October 1879.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft 428, for the sum of Eleven $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for the license already issued to Mr. Richard Gilbert, for seine hauling in the 16, and 17 townships of Leith, during last spring, and in Lake Ontario, for the balance of the season. ---

The balance of \$3.50 to make up the license fee to the full amount of \$15, for the season; I have to explain that I got 28 live Bass from Mr. Richard Gilbert, on the 18th of April last, at 12 1/2¢ each, which I handed over to Mr. Alexander Begg, same afternoon here, for Mr. Whitaker, the Com- missioner, - Ottawa. ---

Mr. Begg, however did not take these Bass away, for Mr. Whitaker they all died here and Mr. B. gave them away. --- But the 18, I presented for Mr. Begg, on 21st of April last, that were taken by him, to Ottawa, cost me nothing. --- Mr. Abraham St. John, fisherman who caught these Bass for me, in 20 miles pond did not want to change for them. ---

Please allow the \$3.50 of herein referred to, to make up the \$15, in full - license to Mr. Gilbert. ---

The $\frac{1152}{100}$ was only received by me, this day.
 Hon: Alexander Begg
 Ottawa
 I have &c.
 John Whitaker
 F.O.

Tuesday, 21. October 1879. ---

At Winona, I found all regular, thence to Lake shore to enquire about illegal fishing being carried on by Ken; Clark, & from John Cowan all about it also saw Jonathan Cory, and Duncan McGillivray, and heard from them how the matter stood.

Went out at 6, a.m., came in at 1.50. p.m.
 Miles about 36. H & B. 1.50, Breakfast 25¢
 2.175

Thursday, 23. October 1879. ---

Having obtained a Warrant from Jas. Leslie J.P. and accompanied by Edwin Ken, from Snowdon and Sam McHain Jr. Constables, went on B. B. and took a piece of Gill net, belonging to Ken; Clark, I found set in the lake - also took his Boat into my custody, went out at 3. a.m., came in at 12. Noon, Miles about 40.
 H & B. 1.50. Breakfast \$1.50. \$3.00
 Eaten of 1.00.

29. September 1879.

I have the honor to report for your information, with reference to my former report of the 9th inst., submitted by me to you, as against Enosh Patchet Jr. and John Patchet, of the Township of Toronto, charged; "For that they did on several occasions, between the 9th and 23rd of August last to wit, on Saturday night, the 16th and on Sunday the 17th of August last, fish for, catch and kill fish, that is to say, Eels, Bass, and various other kinds of fish, in contravention of the Fisheries Act, and Sunday Observance Act. . . .

And that they did at the same time and place set a trap box, and did fish and set same stationary, in the main channel, and waters of the River Credit, and by the aid of a temporary stone wall built by them, and the said box trap, fixed and set in the main channel in the waters of the River Credit, did entirely obstruct the passage of fish in the main channel, and the waters of the said River Credit. . . . please read sub section 4, and 5, of section 13, of the Fisheries Act. . . .

And for which they were fined \$5, each, and costs, or 20 days in Jail. . . .

As they have since appealed against the Magistrate's conviction, to the next General Court of Quarter Sessions, to be held at Brampton, in the County of Peel; on the 12th of December next. Will you be pleased to instruct me, to what Solicitor I should apply to, to look after the interest of the Fishing Department before the Presiding Judge at the said Quarter Sessions. . . .

Yours faithfully,
H. J. Gillies.

I have to
John W. Kerr.
S.O.

Friday: 24, October 1879. —

✓ Attended before James Cahill, J.P. — Mr Charles
✓ A. Sadler — appeared for Ben. Clink, and submitted
that Ben. pay costs, and take out his license at
once, went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 1. p.m.
Miles b. — 144 B. 1.54, Ben. has to pay his
costs of \$8.50, to Magistrate and Constables. —

ILLEGAL FISHING.—At an early hour this morning Constables McNair and Howard and J. W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, proceeded to Lake Ontario where they took a boat and went out on the lake. The water was extremely rough and the men had a very risky ride. The object of their enterprise was to put a stop to some illegal fishing that was going on and they arrested a man named Benjamin Clink, of the Beach, for fishing without a license. He will be brought before the Police Magistrate to-morrow morning.

Sir,

29. August 1879. —

With reference to my former communication on the same subject, I have now the honor to attach another article found in the Hamilton Spectator of yesterday's date: on Beth Greens Shad: —

Since I have made my report to you of the 14th of August instant, I have seen the waters of Lake Ontario with hundreds of those so styled shad, floating about dead, and after they float about for days on the surface of the water, they swell up, then burst and sink to the bottom of the Lake, and not away.

This I know to be so, from accounts given to me, by fishermen from time to time, who have found them doubled up and rotten on the heads of their gill nets. —

My impression now is! that these fish are dying annually from two causes, but more have died this year, than during any previous year. —

1st. They are a salt water fish, of the inferior class of shad: known as Alewives, or gaspereau, and having found their way into L. Ontario, a fresh water body, of such vast extent, they have become bewildered, not being able to find their way back to Salt-water again. —

2nd. It is notorious, that shad Alewives, or gaspereau go up fresh water streams to spawn, the same as Salmon do, — like the Salmon, they too, return after spawning to the sea again. — It now appears, that ever since the year 1872: these fish have been found all the year round in L. Ontario, and N. bay, and not being able to find their way back annually to the sea, "as Nature intended they should," — they die. —

I have within the past month, examined several of the fish, "say about 8" inches long," full grown fish, and it strikes me very forcibly, that these fish, I have examined have died of starvation. — They were evidently spent fish, thin & lean, and in a bad unhealthy condition, which I believe has been caused from real want, and a required annual visit to the salt water, without which their lives are being now curtailed. —

I have never seen — full grown shad proper caught in L. O. — 19 Aug 79.

Hon. Minister.

John W. Lusk
D. O.

My dear Wilnot,

12. Sep. 1879.

I sent you (2) White fish in a box, of ice and saw dust, this afternoon, and I telegraphed you. I hope they will answer your purpose, there is much difficulty, trouble and expense attends the procuring of these fish.

In order to be always in a position to procure such a class of fish, I brought last spring, \$18.50 worth of gill nets: - 6" mesh mesh.

I sent you Whitefish, two squally as good fish, this evening, and I had 3 for myself besides 2, sent, 15 lbs each. I got Mr. Whitaker's letter, but he said, you wanted him fish, for the exhibition, if he meant this, I can only say, so far as I am concerned, such a thing is an impossibility.

After I returned home this evening, I found I had travelled 38 miles, in procuring and expressing those fish, for you and Mr. Whitaker, but I never care for that, where my friends are concerned.

So good night and
Joy be with you
all.

I have &c &c fraternally
John W. Kerr

Samuel Wilnot Esq

Newcastle, Ont.

Monday, 24. October 1879.

At Saltfleet, as far down as Charles Anderson's farm - next Paddy Stand, got some specimens of White fish from him to send to Ottawa - saw Jack Leafe going down the Lake in his boat; hailed him; his son was with him. Went out at 8.30. a.m. came in at 12. Noon. Miles about 14. \$4.00. 2.00. Alances to City - miles 6. So express charges \$1.25.

O. O. O.

28 October 1879.

With reference to my report, dated 30. of August last recommending permission being granted to Mr. Geo. A. Lacey, of Hillsburg, in the Township of Erin, "to catch speckled trout during close season, for to restock his fish ponds —"

In reply to which, I received your reply dated 13th of September last, in which you say: — "I am to request you to please state what proofs you possess of the existence and character of the establishment you say Mr. Lacey now has?"

I have now the honor to report and beg most respectfully to withdraw my application of the 30th of August last, together with Geo. A. Lacey's letter, thereto attached; as from more accurate enquiries and information, I have now received; the place being Mortgage, has been sold, pulled down, and passed to other hands.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. Kerr

John W. Kerr
D.O.

Thursday. 30. October 1879. —

At Merionna, found all regular. Heard Paddy Hand was catching young white fish, cautioned him about it, went out at 1. p.m. came in at 6. p.m. Miles 28. — 144 B. 1.50.

Wednesday 29. October 1879. —

On B. beach - in Safford, went out 12.30. p.m. came in at 6. p.m. Miles 26. found all regular. — E. J. Kerr. with me. — 144 B. —

My dear Mrs. -

Hamilton 5-15

It appears to me, much more, in consequence of what you write to me of the history of our state of Georgia & Georgia. I feel power, & place at Washington that he must be a strange & strange indeed! For in the latter part of the month of August last, he of course to me by letter you have a firm position to stand upon. I had not go to mistake but to say that he has the place in a better position than we at present and he was going to be the only one to feel regarding this year, when he had not done so. -- Things being done in the state you represent them as regards Georgia. -- you in it, will have to watch much to tell him. --

I think we can catch him, pitying you. I shall be
 willing to oblige you to please not to let me know
 when I will come up on being your name, I am sure
 you can find his name in the list, and will likely finally
 taking the fish out of them. — Yours faithfully,

Y. L. 100

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Dear Village

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Route I shall take to get to your house.

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Sept. 2nd 1879. —

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Yours received, I have my Trap Net, with
long snags ready, and will set to night for Mice. — I will go my-
self to Deseraton, to night, and try and get some White Mice.
they are being caught there in the Shingwa River at present

If I succeed in getting a good supply, you to take a barrel, such as you desire, I will leave by the evening train at Toronto, and will join your staff at Newcastle on Monday evening, when train arrives there. I hope I will be able successfully to succeed. —

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J. W. Kerr Esq

Credit, October 22/79.
My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your favour of the 14th instant, enclosing me the two convictions against the Patchets, which I should have replied to, sooner, but waiting to have the witness entered into the necessary recognizance to prosecute, which I have accomplished having made him and his father enter into the necessary bonds to (prosecute) the amount of 100. each, to be and appear at the next General Session of the Peace to be holden at Dorchester the 9th day of December next, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, &c. &c.

I purpose going to Dorchester on a day or two when all the documents will be handed into the County Clerk of the Peace. —

The witness Mark Reynolds will in addition to the evidence he gave before me prove how he had been employed to peddle the fish caught, and taken out of the box, which part you will be pleased to bear in mind at the trial, if you or your Lawyers deem it essential. —

With esteem and kindest wishes. —

I am very dear Sir

Yours truly,

Robert Cory. —

My dear Sir,

29. October 1879.

I had a letter from Port Credit the other day stating that you had been fishing and catching trout in the Port Credit lake in S. & O. and that you sold some of them to the people of the Village there. — Have you been up there or is it only an invention. —

Be careful to obey the close season, and don't set your Herring gill nets, in any part of the Lake, where you will be sure to catch small white fish. —

If you know of any person breaking the law, during close season, or at any time, please apprise me at once.

Yours truly,

W. C. L. Wick,
The Stumbers. —

Yours truly,

Edw. W. Kerr

J. O.

Sir,

28. October 1879. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 30th of September last, in reply to mine of the 29th of September, — the previous day. — And in which you state; — "I am to state that no counsel are needed to look after the interest of the Fisheries department before the presiding Judge at the said Quarter Sessions?" —

If I have failed to make myself understood, in my former reports of the 9th and 29th of September last, I regret it very much. —

The witness in the cases, is a boy, named Mark Reynolds, 15 years old. — The place where the offence was committed is the River Credit, waters set apart, under Regulation in Council, by the Governor General, dated 26, October 1870, for the propagation of Salmon. —

What I meant was the interest of the Fisheries of this River Credit. — And by the annexed letter from J. P. Esq. J. P., the Convicting Magistrate, you will perceive "I hope", that there will be a necessity of having counsel present on the 9th of December next, at the Quarter Sessions; just the same, as has been customary in similar cases heretofore. —

Some one, to aid the presiding Judge, and the boy witness; as the dependants or appellants have already employed the best (quit.) Counsel in Brampton. —

Please excuse me, but when I must, I must out, with it, and with due respect

I Have &c.
John W. Kerr
J.O.

Hon. Ministers
&c. &c. &c.

Hamilton. 31. Oct. 1879.

My dear Dick.

I will be sure to attend to your business next week. Let you or Moyer, meet me at Jordan Station, just train, on Tuesday next. —

Keep an eye about you. For persons fishing during close season for me, and with kind regards.

Yr. sincere friend
John W. Kerr

John W. Kerr
Jordan Station N.B.

Yr. sincere friend
John W. Kerr
J.O.

28, October 1879.

which reference to the "Close Season", printed Notice, dated Fisheries Department, Ottawa, 2nd of July 1879. - which read thus:

"For Salmon Trout, and Lake Trout, and White fish, the close season is from the 1st to the 15th of November. -

And the last clause, to which public attention has been drawn to, by Mr. Whitaker, the Commissioner reads;

"No person shall during such prohibited times fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell, or have in possession any of the kinds of fish mentioned above". -

Now I trust you will please pardon me for trespassing upon your attention in this matter. -

It appears that J. and G. Noble and Co., fishermen at Collingwood, who fish near Killarney, and who sold about \$14,000, worth, of their catch of Salmon Trout, and White fish in Hamilton, this season, are desirous of sending two large Refrigerators (cars,) of fresh Trout, and White fish to Hamilton, for the accommodation of their many customers during close season; and which their Agent here, Mr. John Foster, tells me, they have now on hand at Killarney, caught before close season, to be sold here during the close season, and after close season has set in, and which I presume is an innovation or violation of the Fisheries Act, - - Besides it would be a great injustice to our local fishermen, and fish dealers in my division, who are not permitted to fish, &c. &c. during close season. - -

Mr. Foster, tells me, that if I would say so he would procure permits from the Fishery Officers at Killarney, and Collingwood; to say, that the S. Trout, and White fish, were all caught before close season set in. - -

My reply to this is, it would not be obeying the law nor your Orders, to do the buying, selling and possession during close season: - However! I told this agent, Mr. Foster, I would submit the matter to you, at his request, but I made the remark to him, that as close season is so very short, it should be strictly observed in all its entirety in my division, as I had already notified fish dealers, and fishermen therein to this effect; that the written orders of the Commissioners based on the Fishery Law itself, be not aside by the permits of the Local fishery officers at Collingwood, and Killarney who annually make it a practice of giving such illegal documents. - -

His application has only been made to me at 4, p.m. this evening, ^{where} it is well known, I have distributed all over my division about sixty of your close season printed notices. - -

and I could not, nor would not recommend -

I will thank you if it meets your approval, that you will say to me in reply your order must be imperative; -- No deviation to be made therefrom by permit or otherwise. --

I have moreover told the Agent here, Mr. Foster, that unless ordered by you, to the contrary, I see no alternative and I shall seize the fresh S. Trout, and White Fish, that I find in any persons possession for sale, after the 31st instant, and will not pay any attention to permits except ordered so by you. --

Please telegraph me your orders in the matter on receipt, for information of all concerned and with much respect,

W. J. Whitcher Esq
Commissioner of Fishery
Ottawa. —

I have to
John W. Foster
O.A.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton, 31. October 1879.

Yours of the 29th instant received; -- In reply I must say well done good and faithful servant, as was said by the man of Old. --

Keep a close eye on shooters, because if they see a Salmon they will shoot him! Enter daily in your diary for me, the number of Salmon and beds, and the place, where the beds and fish are seen daily by you, and let your son do the same. --

Visit the mouth occasionally, and if you see any marks of a Serim been hauled there, apprise me at once. --

Abraham Stone, of Frenchman Bay, I heard had a ^{cloudy} Net made to fish for Salmon at the mouth, watch for him. --

I have nothing more to say, only be true and faithful to the end. --

Make your son report to you faithfully every morning; besides keeping a record for me, himself.

and with my kindest regards to you and yours, believe me, Sincerely yours,

John Jordan Esq
D. In
Duffin Creek

John W. Foster
O.A.

My dear Wilcox,

31. October 1879.

Your kind and anxious letter, with your power to catch some person poaching Salmon; persons in the habit of shooting and trapping along the River Credit, do the most destruction by shooting, to our Salmon. -- Trapping Muskrat, will commence on tomorrow 1st of November. --

I find in yesterday's mail, that my letter, to the Credit, was kindly there, by express train. -- Much obliged for the information about Sticks of the Mumber. -- If possible you must visit the River daily, or at night, from the Indian Village, as far up the flats, as spring field; and whenever you discover anything, or hear anything suspicious, advise me, immediately, it will not do, to make a discovery when the bird has flown. --

You have only to telegraph, and I will come; ask Henry to look out on his way to, and from Toronto, in his stone Boat, and note for me, where he has seen gill net buoys, don't fail to do this for me. --

Now Jim Wilcox, it is now about time, the very best time for you, that I know of, for the Salmon to be seen by you rushing up at night on the rapids. -- you should keep a diary, of what you daily see in the Salmon here the fishing department expects this from you. and with kin regards to you and yours, believe me

Yours truly,
J. Wilcox

Yours sincerely,
Edmund Lewis

My dear Kate,

On the 14. inst. I wrote you, but from that, to this, I have not heard from you. -- have you been frightened off the Range. -- Salmon surely must have made their appearance in it, before this! Have you seen any at all! -- let me hear from you. -- Those persons who go about shooting, kill the Salmon every year. -- Keep an eye on them, I expected before this, to have heard from you, that you had caught at least half a dozen of those persons, who have been killing Salmon year for many years past in the Range. --

Now, my dear Kate, in joking, do the thing clean up to the huddle, and believe me

Yours truly,
Edmund Lewis

My dear Kate,

Yours truly,

31. Oct 1879.

Sat: 1st, November 1879. - -

Seized one white fish and Salmon Trout found in John Davis - fish stall. - Also white fish, and Salmon Trout. found in John Morris's Cellar - all fresh brought the cases before Jas: Cahill Esq. P. M. Young William Davis. was fined \$1. and Costs, and John Morris, was fined \$1. and Costs, - and the fish confiscated and given to the Orphans, as per Notice

SEIZURE OF FISH. - This morning Fishery Inspector Kerr seized about 150 lbs. of white fish and trout in the stalls of Messrs. Morris and John Davis. Both parties were before the Magistrate and fined \$1 each, the fish being confiscated and sent to the Orphans' Home and St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum. Mr. Davis knew nothing of the arrival of the fish, he being sick in bed.

My dear Sir.

Hamilton.

I have just received a letter from a Gentleman in Toronto, to the Contents of which I beg to draw your attention. -

I have reason to believe that a good deal of fishing for speckled trout, is being carried on about the different Branches of the River Credit just now. -

Will you try and capture, and fine some of these persons violating the Law. Yrs. paternally,

Wellingtn "Wm Esq"
J. O. D. O. S. S.
S. H. K. L. L. L.

John W. Kerr
D. O.

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Monday. 2, Nov: 1879. - -

at Toronto, to see if white fish and S. Trout, were being exposed for sale, did not find any - Back to Port Credit, saw Jas: G. Wilcox and gave him instructions about the Salmon in River Credit - went out at 5.30. A. M. came in at 6.30. P. M. Miles 80. \$44 B. 1.50. Breakfast and dinner 75¢. My fare \$2.30. -

Tuesday. 3, Nov: 1879. - -

at St. Catharines, got out summonses for several persons for a contravention of the Fishing Act, - see my report of 7th inst. went out at 7.30. A. M. came in at 6. P. M. Miles 70. \$2.20. \$2 dinner 40. 147 B. 1.50. Buses 30. \$2.20

Sir,

4. November 1879.

I have the honor to report, that on Saturday, the 1st inst. I found in possession of William Davis, son of Mr. John Davis - Fish dealer, about 39. Salmon Trout, and fresh white fish. - It being close season, I seized them; Young Davis, was fined one dollar and costs; and the fish were confiscated, and given to the Orphan poor. - And with due respect.

I Have &c.

Hon: Magistrate

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Edw. W. Swan

S.O.

Sir,

4. November 1879.

I have the honor to report, that on the 1st inst. I had Mr. John Morris, a Fish dealer in the Hamilton Market fined one dollar and costs, for having 15 1/2 lb. of fresh white fish in his possession, it being close season, and in violation of the Fisheries Act. The fish were confiscated and given to the Orphan Home.

I Have &c.

Hon: Magistrate

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Edw. W. Swan

S.O.

4. Nov: 1879. -

Sir, I have the honor to report, that on Thursday morning, the 23rd of October, on N. beach, in the Township of Saltfleet, I saw I seized about 25 yards of gill net. I found it a Lake net, the property of Benjamin Clark, that I found it there.

It appears Ben. Clark, was endeavouring to fish 400. yards of Herring gill nets without any intention of taking out a license. On the same evening to my knowledge, I found the aid of a couple of boats, with the above results.

Clark immediately engaged Mr. Charles A. Sadler's solicitor to get him out of the trouble. - Mr. Sadler, proposed to me, that Ben. Clark would pay all costs and take on pay for his license if I would agree to it.

On the 24th of October last, before James Ashill Esq. M. Magistrate here, I gave my consent to the proposition, when Ben. Clark paid all costs, about 48. dollars. -

And when he pays his license fee, I shall submit his name to you for a license, but until then he shall fish no more.

I Have &c.

Hon: Magistrate

Edw. W. Swan

S.O.

St. Louis

5. November 1879.

I have the honor to report, that this day, at John Davis Fish Market (read) and Sheppard was paid one dollar, and costs, for being in the fish stall in the market here, on the 4th instant, and selling white fish and S. Trout, when I made the charge, already reported to you, on the 4th instant, in this behalf.

I Have &c

Hon: Magistrate,
St. Louis, Mo.

Edw. Sheppard

Wednesday. 5. November 1879.

At the Police Court, Sheppard, was fined of 1. and costs - I was examined. - He plead guilty - for being in employment of John Davis - selling S. Trout and White fish. See my report of this date. -

Friday. 7. Nov: 1879. -

at St. Catherine's, before James W. Keating Esq. J. P. - Henry W. Wines, of Louth, ex - Warden of Lincoln, was fined of 2. and of 3.68 of

W. W. Wines of Jordan, fined of 2. and of 3.68 of

Abraham W. Wines of Jordan, - do. do.

Burt, Wines of Jordan, Constable. do. do.

Abraham Foster Louth - of 1. and of 3.68 cost

Gordon Foster do. was discharged.

See my report of this date on page 390. - went out at 8. a. m. came in at 4. p. on Mill 70. 14 & B. 1.50 dinner 65¢. Railway fare 2.30. Buses 15.15

Charged 2.45

Sir,

31. October 1879.

I have the honor to draw your immediate attention to the fact, that Sterring have never been so scarce nor the Lake Bay Licensed free nets fishermen so thin, (who are complaining) - in any portion of Lake Ontario, during the past 15 years, as it is now has been during this fall, thus far!..

I have observed in Sam Wilkots Annual Report dated, New Castle, Ontario, 31st of December 1878, thus: - "The Sterring which was the principal food of the Salmon in the Lake, has become almost extinct & is found in such very few numbers along the coast, that no inducement is offered the salmon to approach the shore during the spawning months" -

Such being stated, and facts proving true showing the scarcity of Sterring in Lake Ontario..

I have now the honor, to recommend that the privilege heretofore granted under license for permission to spear Sterring in the waters of B. Bay and Dundas Marsh, from the 10th of November, to the 15th of December - each year, during the time these fish are spawning - be now cancelled by the Hon^{ble} the Minister; so that these fish may be permitted to increase without being killed, speared, or molested by lights, nets or otherwise while spawning in B. Bay, and Dundas Marsh..

And I further respectfully recommend that the annual usual license, for to spear, pike, bass, and Sterring be still granted, in B. Bay, and Dundas Marsh, from 1st of January, to the 20th day of April next, at the usual rate of \$1. - when the spawning for these fishes will not be then interfered with..

I also attach, for your information, a copy of the printed Notice, issued by Mr. W. J. Whitaker, the Commissioner, - so that a new notice, with the alteration I have therein recommended may be at once issued by the Commissioner.

About 50, printed notices will be sufficient, and with due respect,

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr

F.O.

H. J. Minister.

Y. Y. Y.

P.S. - B. Bay, being the great spawning place for the Sterring every fall, this matter is most respectfully submitted for your disposal, in the protection of these fishes. -

J. W. Kerr
F.O.

ILLEGAL SALE OF FISH.—Mr. Alexander Sheppard was summoned before the Police Magistrate Wednesday by Fishery Inspector Kerr for exposing trout for sale contrary to law. He was fined \$1 and costs.

FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE.—On Friday next Mr. J. W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, will prosecute six men at St. Catharines before J. W. Keating, J. P., for fishing without a license on Lake Ontario, at the mouth of Twenty-mile creek, on the 4th of October last.

aid.

7. November 1879. —

I have the honor to report, that on Saturday night, the 4th day of October last, in Lake Ontario, at the mouth of the Twenty Mile Creek, which is in the Township of South, and County of Lincoln. —

1. Mr. Henry Wisniskey — Warden, County of Lincoln. —
2. — — — Bent Smith, of Jordan, County Constable, —
3. — — — Absalom Strawberry, — of Jordan, — Yeoman. —
4. — — — ~~Alexander~~ ^{Robert} Cooke, — of Jordan. — do.
5. — — — Absalom Foster, of South, Labourer, and
6. — — — Gordon Foster, his son, a boy of 16, years old.

Fished for, caught and killed, fourteen bushel baskets full of both fish and bass; with a small seine, after 8 o'clock p.m., say about 9 p.m. with one haul; and without a license, from the department of Fisheries, in contravention of the Fish-
eries Act. —

I had the parties summoned before James W. Keating, Esq. J. P., of St. Catharines, this day. —

They pleaded guilty. — The four just names, were fined two dollars each and three dollars, and sixty eight cents costs; which they paid. —

Absalom Foster, was fined one dollar, and three dollars, and sixty eight cents, costs, which he got time to pay. — I did not prosecute the boy.

The small seine, was confiscated, per sub-
section 14. of section 13. of the Fisheries Act. —

And with due respect

Yours &c. &c.

I have &c.
John W. Keating
J.P.

Saturday, 8. November 1879. —

At Toronto, and Buffalo Creek, thence to the mouth of the Creek, found all regular, made enquiry from Mr. Thomas Shields, about a light he saw on Friday night at the mouth of the Creek, and a punt, slate or dark colour with 2. young men he saw there at 12 o'clock, next day, who had 2. bags, and a gun, and who rowed out in said boat or punt, and rowed West towards Frenchman Bay. The bags he suspected had, or might have had, fish and fish salmon, in them; I arranged with Mr. Shields, who engaged to mind the mouth of the Creek for \$20. — to end of salmon time; went out at 7.30. a.m. came in at 7 p.m. miles 70. Key fare \$2. 44 B. 1.50. dinner 50. tea 25¢, bed 25¢, —

Sunday 9. November 1879. —

At Duffins Creek, up the Little Rouge to Mayralls, Hill, saw
 Mr. Mayralls, and enquired about the Salmon. — heard that Yankee
 Pete Joslin, had been up the Creek several times, was up there
 that morning; thence examined the Big Rouge back down to the
 Kingston Road; from thence to the Midland Creek, to see David
 Beddell, from whom I learned that Salmon were seen by him
 in Midland Creek last fall of 1878. — That Harry Moon never
 minded these fish in the Rouge; that his father mind them
 in Midland Creek; and that Yankee Pete, was more reliable
 than either of the moons; back to Seckers Hotel and got dinner
 for two 50¢ thence to Churchmans Bay. — saw Mr. Mans-
 field, who informed me that Sal. Wright, and young Stone,
 were fishing at Shoal point. — thence to the mouth of
 Duffins Creek, examined the place where the fish had
 been seen by Fields. — Lewis Hotel keeper was with me.
 thence home to Duffins Creek. — Miles 30, \$4.00 B. 2.00.
 Breakfast 25¢, tea 25¢, and bed 25¢. Mr. Mansfield told me a large
 Salmon was found last month (October) dead near the mouth of
 the Creek; and he showed me where two Salmon were seen by
 him, last fall in the Big Rouge; Mr. Graham told me
 that he saw a Salmon bed, near the old bridge on the
 flats. —

Monday, 10. November 1879. —

At Shoal point, found a string of net on the River,
 it was not there on Saturday evening, when I visited the
 place, with Mr. John Jordan; — It was 6.30. a.m. this
 morning, when Mr. Jordan, and I examined the place,
 saw a small Boat, with sail going towards
 Churchmans Bay. — supposed to be Sal. Wright, and
 young Abe, Stone. — Back to Duffins Creek, examined
 the Creek carefully, saw about 18 Salmon beds; and
 one large Salmon, the Creek in good condition the
 water rather muddy. Thence to Toronto and Ham-
 ilton. Breakfast, and dinner 75¢, \$4.00 B. 2.00.
 My fare #2, went out at 5. a.m. came in at
 4. p.m. — Miles 72. —

Instructed Mr. John Jordan and his son, to most
 particular, in the careful protection of the Salmon. —
 and to be sure and report every little incident that
 may happen. —

2.

11, November 1899. —

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday morning last, I proceeded from here to Duffin's Creek, for an examination, I made from the mill race an area where your ~~men~~ fires, have been quite close to the edge of the waters of this creek, and where the water is deep; my suspicions are, that the persons (2) seen by Mr. Shields, had been fishing a small net, during the night, he discovered the fire; for if not, why was the fire made so close to the waters edge, and not back towards the high bank of the stream, for I intend to warm themselves, as the night was stormy. —

Within the month, when the Lake and River water join in a rapid, the water is shallow, not over 18" inch deep at present, where unloaded teams, &c, can be safely driven across, but a little further up the Creek, from this crossing place, the water becomes suddenly very deep, and it was just in close proximity to this deep water the fires were made on the sand bank of the creek.

It has always ^{been} laid down as a rule amongst men, who have speared Salmon in days gone by, that when these fish first enter the Salmon streams, to spawn, from the Lake, they remain for some short time there; before they move further on, why it is, or for what reason, I am not yet prepared to say; perhaps fatigued after a long journey. —

I examined, and saw seven beds in Duffin's Creek and I saw one very fine Salmon yesterday morning, being one of a pair, that commenced to make their bed on the previous night, in the Creek, above the Road Bridge near Clarke House. —

The water in the Creek, which has been unusually low, commenced to rise on Sunday, and I am still hopeful, abundance of water is, by this time, in Duffin's Creek, the snow having melted, and the rain having fallen on Saturday night last, has given me cause to be thankful in this respect. —

I have also carefully examined the Big and Little Rouge, where I found the water in abundance. —

I wish something could be done, to prevent persons with guns, from going continually about Salmon streams. — I saw on Saturday evening last four young men, all armed with guns, lying on the beach, at the mouth of Duffin's Creek, but on perceiving they were watched they got off. —

I wish something in the way of a public notice could be immediately given by the Commissioners, for posting up about these Salmon streams.

with due respect,
 I have the
 honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. H. W. W. W.

W. B. - 10th Nov. The Salmon were on the bay up last fall. They were it appeared to be late this.

W. B. W. B.

Sir

11 November 1879. -

I have the honor to report for your information that on receipt of a letter I received from John Gordon, Esq. of the Township of Pickering, on Saturday last, I proceeded to the mouth of Duffin Creek in company with Mr. W. B. W. B. and found that the fish had been seen in the creek at the mouth of the River on the 30th of October last, about 12 o'clock, by Mr. W. B. W. B. a respectable farmer, who lives quite close to the creek and on the west bank of the river. -

It never entered Mr. W. B. W. B.'s mind at the time, any thing about the salmon; he thought some person shooting, might have killed the fish and he was rather excited until 12 o'clock, the next day. -

About 12 o'clock, Friday, Mr. W. B. W. B. who had been returning from the same place, after delivering a load of grain, came to the mouth of the creek so as to cross over with his team, to his own place, which he is in the habit of doing, where he observed two young men about 20 years of age, each having a gun and a bag, and painted which they were hunting in the Lake, Ontario, at the time, one of the men had a gun and on the west side of the lake is mouth up the beach about 30 yards they pitched two bags one of them quite full and soft in appearance as if it contained a lot of some kind, the other bag, from its appearance might contain some fish. After loading the gun, with the bags in it, the men rowed west in the direction of Brimley's Reef. -

On 31st of October last, I had written Mr. John Gordon my suspicions of a fisherman, whom I had seen, with a letter to Mr. W. B. W. B. and requested that he would pay particular attention to the mouth of the creek and if he discovered any traces of a fish being landed, or other suspicious marks to appear, he would let me know the result, and the cause of this report. -

The mouth of Duffin Creek is about three miles from the G. S. R. R. - where the salmon which I have seen are very numerous and abundant and quite in

where most watchful attention is always necessary. —

I have therefore come to the conclusion that Mr. Thomas Fields, should receive \$20, for to watch and protect the salmon at the mouth of Duffin's Creek, he has been always friendly, and has occasionally given me valuable information; I engaged his services for the balance of the salmon spawning season and he will watch nightly at the mouth of the Creek. —

This arrangement or engagement is of course made by me with Mr. Fields, subject to your approval. —

I Have &c.
John D. Kerr
T.O. —

N.B.

A careful and cautious enquiry is now on foot to ascertain who those young men are and what their business was at the mouth of the Creek, on the occasion referred to, the result, I will report to you. —

J. W. Kerr
T.O.

"Memorandum" — the Starring Spearing. —

As a manifest decrease in the catch of starring by licensed gill net fishermen in Lake Ontario during this season, is ascribed to the practice of spearing those fish during their spawning time in November and December, which has heretofore been allowed under special licenses at B. Bay from 10th November, to 15th December. —

The Hon. The Minister sanctions an alteration, viz. — That the spearing of bass, pike and herring under licenses, be in future permitted from 1st of January, to the 20th of April. —

And Mr. J. W. Kerr, T.O. informs parties interested accordingly. —

Hamilton 11th
11. November 1879. —

copy

12 November 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge your information in letter I have just received from you of the Thomas Ramsey of Lake Erie. - Please let it be known that I have no objection to your going to fish on Lake Erie between point Abino and Shiloh or Abino point, for the balance of this year. -

I have much pleasure in recommending that the same be immediately granted. - And as Mr. Thomas Ramsey has already paid \$60. - for the privilege of going 2. - please refer to my letter of 27th of August last. I beg leave to strongly recommend that this privilege be granted without any further license fee being necessary. - The place being already within his license limits, which according to the accompanying letter seems to me Mr. Ramsey has not been as successful as I would wish, in consequence of severe storms. &c. - And believe me with this time

I remain &c

John D. Brown
S.

Yours sincerely
J. D. Brown

copy

Dear Sir

Not Erie, 10. Nov. 1879.

I beg leave most respectfully to solicit a favor if not interfering with my season it is at your disposal, to allow me the privilege as the season is (about) shot to make a few hauls, with a line, as I did not begin fishing for some weeks after my season commenced and recently the severe storms have been so great preventing me as I wish from catching my fish. - and the boats very much injured taking some time to repair them. -

I am sorry to say John, my son, has sustained considerable loss by destruction and injury to his nets.

I am D^r Sir

W. K. H.

H. A.

Hamilton.

Yrs. truly,

John Thos. Ramsey.

Stationery. 45th Caligraph 25th

P.S. - photo inserted by a wife for donation would be sufficient to Mr. D. Brown

My dear Sir,

Having made my report, respecting the fire seen by Thomas Fields at the mouth of Duffin's Creek, on Wednesday night, the 30th of October 1879, -

I am requested by the Hon. the Minister to enquire of you, where you were on that occasion, and at the time the fire was seen by Fields, -

Have you seen Sal. Wright, and did you hear anything more. You will have to exert yourself, and continue to be all over, - And impress upon Stephen how necessary it is for him, to be vigilant. - Be careful in keeping your diary - so as to be always in a position to answer questions. -

How many Salmon, came in since I returned home. - Answer this immediately giving me all particulars.

Y^{rs} sincere
John W. S.

Mr. John Gordon Esq.
President
Duffin's Creek,

13. Nov: 1879.

"Private, and Confidential."

A fire was seen, with 2 young men, one having a gun and two bags with perhaps a shot and fish in them were seen at the mouth of Duffin's Creek on Friday the 31st of October last they rowed west from the Creek, in the direction of French and Mary. - The young men were about 20 years old each, can you find out who they were, be on the look out for a part of the description given be vigilant in this matter.

Y^{rs} &c

John W. S.

Mr. Peter Gaskin
Port Union,

Hamilton, Onto 11. Nov: 1879.

Wednesday, and Thursday, on P. & N. Height
Circular Station - That species of Salmon will
not be permitted before 1st of January next.

Two dinner 50¢ and 15¢

Two dinner 50¢ and 10¢

Horse & B - 1.50¢ 1.50¢

Miles 40. - 2¢ 11.25

Sir,

13. November 1879. —

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 12th instant, in reply to mine of 11th instant. —

And in which I recommended an additional Guardian, being engaged at the mouth of Duffins Creek, in the person of Mr Thomas Shields. —

I may here say, that Mr John Gordon ^{sr} and his son Stephen, are at present engaged as Guardians. — Stephen watches all night, from light to light whilst John Gordon watches the Saloon and Saloon beds during day time, so that in fact either John Gordon, or his son is always on the watch. — and John Gordon frequently makes night and day trips in a boat to the mouth of the Creek. —

I cannot positively state where John Gordon, the regular Guardian was, the night the fire was seen by Shields at the mouth of the Creek, I will enquire of him, but by Gordons letter to me, copy herewith, he was at the mouth on 1st instant, as his letter to me of the 5th instant, in reply to mine of 31st ultimo, copies attached will show you.

I have no desire to see Mr John Gordons engagement cancelled, unless you do; I ask that Mr Thomas Shields, be engaged at the additional sum of \$20. for the balance of the season, there is in my humble opinion a necessity for this, besides it will not release John Gordon, from any of his present duties. — I leave the matter altogether in your hands, and better judgement.

I have

Yours
John W. Gordon

Mr. Shields

My dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 10th instant, and having submitted the same to the Hon. the Minister, with my recommendation that the same be at once granted. — I have much pleasure in communicating to you, that he has complied with your request.

I also send you Copies of the Correspondence, I made and received on the subject, and believe me, I deeply regret to learn from you, the misfortune your son & self have had to submit to, and believe me

Yours
John W. Gordon

Yours
John W. Gordon

14. Nov. 1879.

Here Copies follow

My dear Pete. -

10. November 1879. -

On Saturday, when going down to Duffin's Ch., I thought I observed you and Harry down at the mouth of the Nange, you on the Therachuan's Bay side, and a dog. - Harry on Port Thun side, with a gun and I might. - - -

On Sunday, yesterday with a Salmon friend I examined the Little Nange carefully, up as far as the Maywell's Mill, and the Big Nange down as far as the drift wood, near Kingston Road. - It appears to me there is a sufficient supply of water in the Little Nange for all Salmon purposes, do you think so; and what a splendid place for the Salmon to spawn in. - Mr Maywell told me, he has seen you occasionally around, and Mr Graham, whom I saw selling his sheep, asked me, if I had seen you that morning, (Sunday) going along his flats. -

And now Pete, as regards that dead Salmon you saw, did you get his head for me; Mr Maywell told me he has heard of a large dead Salmon, been seen near the mouth of the Nange; did you see this one, and what was it like? - And why don't you report; have you seen any live Salmon yet, or Salmon beds; What have you honestly to say on this subject. -

I saw Mr Bowman, David Brandle, Mr Graham in George Black's old place, I depend upon you to be active and attentive in your duties as Guardian, note every thing, in the Salmon way for me, and write me at least once a week, do your duty as you pledge yourself to me, you would like a man, and believe me,

Hamilton, Ont.

11. Nov: 1879.

Yrs truly,

John W. Kerr

P.O.

Monday 17. November 1879. - -

Left Hamilton for Port Hope in company with Mr St. John and arrived 12.11.79. I took up the road as the train above the Railway Bridge above which no Salmon can get from the Bay below that I had never seen seen on the Coast before the State when I was from Port Hope that he was a man in the State near the place where it was. Went out at 5.15 a.m. Home at 6.15 p.m. - Salary 5.00. My fare 80¢ dinner 75¢ - Net 1.50.

Saw Mr Thos. Robertson M.P. about speaking for the Government to have it permitted this fall, as persons had the right to drift wood.

My dear Mr. Whitaker -

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. John Jordan, by Guardian of Halfpenny Creek, which reads as follows -
 "That some have been found and hiding below at the mouth of the Creek." -

I shall run down there on the 10th and try what I can do to assist them out. -

W. D. Whitaker Esq.
 C. O. Williams
 Ottawa.

Yours, &c. &c. &c.

John Jordan Esq.
 17th Nov. 1879.

My dear Sir,

Yours received. I am glad to hear that Mr. John Jordan has made that appearance and that the water has risen in the creek, - & that the muddy water has cleared off, you will I suppose have found abundance of salmon on salmon beds. Keep your eyes constantly open as you can find things daily; and impress upon your boys the necessity there is for being doing the same. -

Keep up still the vigilance, you have commenced at the beginning as the work is always with gooding; by you! as well as by the same fields. -

The people, the fishing parties at Ottawa, really think you are a blessing - & will be able for to grow the entire creek without any other fields to help! however I told them; his engagement would not relieve you, in your fixed duties. -

I wonder what Mr. Wright has to tell me; after a while, I will run down home looking again. -

Thank you very much for your letter, and your arrival of salmon in the creek at the place where all the best beds are commenced, & completed, so that if any person from Ottawa is ignorant to them where the beds are, they can be directed to the very spot. -

Georgian - rapid - should have beds by this time! even in your day, & slowly, and people the river for rats - John R. - and free men - & not to be trusted. -

At the very best regards, as usual. -
 Believe me

Mr. John Jordan Esq.
 Guardian,
 Halfpenny Creek -

Yours, &c. &c. &c.
 John Jordan Esq.
 17th Nov. 1879.

My dear Wilcox,

In consequence of the recent rains:- I should think
of the abundance of Salmon should be now in the River
cradles:- to report fresh on the subject.

The Authorities in Ottawa should be always in a position from his
daily and nightly visits to note every Salmon ar-
rival. - Be vigilant, by night and by day. - -

Mr J. J. Goy. - Barrister. Toronto has been app-
ointed by the Hon. the Minister of Justice, Ottawa to appear for
the Crown at Brampton. - So you need not put
yourself to death.

It will be necessary for you, to see Robert
Boy Esq. J. P. - and apprise him. - Note down everything
connected with the Petrel case, as to how it got
up and when asked for to show the case.
You may have had with Henry. John and each
at any time about the offences committed
by them. - We must not go to Brampton, with our
names in our mouths. -

I will run down some morning with the early
train, the week, so be on the look out for me -

Yours truly,
J. J. Goy. Esq. J. P. Schuller
70
7. Nov. 1877.

Sunday 21st November 1877. -

On 10. Nov. the above point, Wau. Youngs,
Little Hotel, and others; - Thence to Mat, and Luke
Thompsons Boat Houses, and down Bay street to the
May and Hospital, notified persons about the spearing,
thence home. - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m.
saw Thomas Robertson Esq. J. P. about the Her-
ring spearing, having received a telegraph, from Mr
Whitcher, Commissioner of Fish, after which I an-
swered Mr Whitchers telegraph, and subsequently
received an answer from him to permit Her-
ring spearing from this day until 15th of
December next in N.B. Bay. - Notified the
public that the above papers of the
changes - Miles about 16. 14 & B. 1.50.
dinner for two 50¢

Telegraphs attached herewith.

My dear Sir,

A - is about the lot of Antelope Lake, I wrote you
to say that the the the directors of the same are feeling
that it is important to have you to inspect the lake in that
part from the shoreward to the deep end but you that to
be done at last from you, did you get as near as my
letter. - Answer -

James J. Wilson, that he with his son and a lot of his men
that he has been here at that station and at that time, ^{reminded} that
you had been here looking up the lake to see me, please
send this at once and believe me

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

Have you seen or heard of any balance -
P. S. In consequence of the great abundance of
the balance should be as numerous this year, as
last, please write me at once, -

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

My dear Sir,

Another week in my letter from you, I see
you are busy and have to the same.

I should assume you have plenty of water now in
the big at Little River, which will run deep at least
enough to some length. -

Plenty of balance in the big reach, and run out of
any more balance or collecting any of them. -

So did you find out the corner of the deep column
part. - Let me have a long report from you, and
I will send.

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

R. S. More from your letter of 10th - Answer -
and date of same date. - Answer,

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

Yours Truly
John Wilson
Esq.

referring to those inquiries. I have to report to
 former by Mr James Wynne, P. M., and at pre-
 sent Customs Officer - at Queenston: That during the year 1864, he
 was appointed... "The Ordnance department, handed over
 to Fisheries at Queenston, on the N. River, to the Crown Land depart-
 ment... Captain Baxter, of Niagara had charge of them at the
 time.

Mr John Olver, a Surveyor, measured off the fishing
 stations and Colonel's Coffin and Gypsy Key, and Captain Baxter
 and others went on the ground approval of the stations, and had
 a plan made of the same and lithographed plans after-
 wards.

These fishing stations in Niagara River have ever since,
 and are still under the control of the Ordnance Land de-
 partment of the Government at Queenston...

I had my limits extended as far as for N. River
 as per letter dated 4th of April 1865, being approved in place
 of Captain Baxter, who has not recently been at the
 head of the Ordnance Land at Queenston and N. R.

On 24th of April 1865, I saw Col: Coffin at his request, here in
 Hamilton and the copy of a letter herewith, will now advise you
 I hope that the Ordnance lands were then, 24th April 1865, under the
 control of Col: Coffin, and the fishing, in the N. River, at Queens-
 ton, was under the Fisheries Branch of the L. L. department
 of the Government...

Mr Fox, son in law of the late Col: Coffin, was
 appointed to take charge of the Ordnance Lands, at Niagara
 and Queenston, after Captain Baxter's death. Mr Fox, soon
 after died and Mr John Douglas of Port Hope was ap-
 pointed to take charge of the Ordnance Lands at
 Queenston: Since then the Ordnance Lands at Queenston
 on the N. River, were under the control of Mr John Douglas,
 for a term of years, or so much
 of those Ordnance at Queenston, on the Niagara River, as is re-
 presented on the enclosed tracing of a plan herewith
 showing you the same.

All further information you require, I have no doubt
 you will find in the late Col: Coffin's papers in his office at
 Hamilton. The plan shows all the fishing
 stations up the Niagara River, above the old S. Bridge, at
 Queenston, from fishing station No: 1, which commences under
 the B. R. and went up the river to station 19, inclusive. -
 As down the N. River, from Queenston wharf there is
 stations No: 1 to 2, now occupied by Mr Henry
 Sheppard.

The policeman carrying the back of the old Union gun No. 1.
giving station to No. 19. in the bluff for carrying the
back in part of his line having ground.

I saw this plan and I had a copy myself, and I must
have given it to the military department, some years ago.

I am looking up further information for you and when I
procure it, I will send it to you.

S. M. Mowatt
H. Dept.
A. H. Mowatt.

I am Sir

Yours &c

J. H. Mowatt
M.A.

Thursday 19 March 1879.

At Port Smith there to Springfield in the Hotel for 27
which is no complaint lodged by James Wilson against Sarah
Patchet & John Patchet, also a copy of the evidence taken
at the trial. The same being required by J. J. J. Mowatt.
I am Sir. The boy had sent them to George John Clerk of
the Peace, Mowatt.

While in the house, I saw, I saw a woman, I saw a woman,
that she had caught by the Patchet's were now at present
in the house of Sarah Patchet by where I
would find them. I saw John Mowatt of Springfield
was there then, accompanied by James J. Wilson & I found
I saw the house and the house was a house, asked her
if she Patchet lived here she replied yes - where he
was, she did not know. If any girl were in the
house, she replied I would have to see
her mother. I saw the house, James (14,
I saw Sarah Patchet hanging up there - on a long
line had on a stick with nails in it, a
set skin - which I saw in continuation of the

act, saw the Patchet who was busy - and asked by
what authority I saw this to search her place - I saw
her only name - and told her, I would have her -
I saw - I saw having those skin in his possession.
I asked her, where he was she replied over on the
next house. I took the skin and set skin away
under a very large to keep her from having fruit
and had them the skin by cutting a small bit of each
the skin by cutting a small bit of each.

Went to the house to get
dinner - went to the house to get

After a while Henry Patchet, son to
Sarah Patchet came there on horse back.

ed insulting, and threatening language, towards J. J. Wil-
 . - Stated the kels. I found in the smoke house
 caught by a long line with hooks thereon, and if I
 back he would show them to me
 . - He was very insulting in his lan-
 guage and demeanour.

Hence I went to Toronto, to see Mr. J. J. Hay,
 Epist. Chambers - Corner of Adelaide and Victoria
 Sts. - He took down a memorandum of what I told him,
 Hence to the fish market, and home. - - -

Went out at 8. a. m., came in at 8. p. m. -
 Miles 100. - My fare of 2.00 & dinner 75 - 5¢. 84 & B.
 2.50 & - Chas. J. Kerr, brought up the boat, from Welles to Bas-
 tian, 11 boats.

Friday 21st Nov. 1879. -

On the receipt in Charles Grant, not giving
 the public, that spearing for Herring, was allowed
 in B. bay, from 20th of November, to 15th December,
 went out at 9. a. m., came in at 5.30. p. m. saw
 about 1000, S. Wheeler Vincent Little, and Hiram
 Yakes, - miles 20. 84 & B. 1.50, - Time 10.50.

Saturday, 22nd, November 1879. -

At Dan. Youngs, Hiram Yakes, Vincent Little
 and S. Wheeler, - warned them, as I had done before
 that - No spearing was permitted from 6. o'clock, on,
 Saturday night, till 6. a. m. on the following
 Monday morning. - - - gave printed notices about the
 spearing to Little, Wheeler and Yakes for circulation
 all round. - Chas. Smith (Coloured) paid me \$1.
 for spearing license, went out at 4.20. p. m., came
 in at 8. p. m. C. J. Kerr, with me. - 84 & B. 1.50
 Miles 12. -

John Little & Hiram Yakes, went out on
 Friday night. - Hiram saw two Herring as he
 speared one of them. - Hiram had permission to
 speare. -

at 10

24, November 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated 12th inst., in relation to the case of the *James J. Joy*, Minister of Education, in the case against *Enoch Ritchie*, and *John Ritchie*, convicted for fishing without a license, and obstructing the main channel of the *Missisquoi*, with a log trap fishing apparatus, which they have appealed against, as per my former reports of 27th of September, and 28th of October, last.

I find I now require the last regulation in Council published in the *Canada Gazette*, and the *Gazette*, later, publishing the same: It reads thus:

Fishing by means of, H. B., or other apparatus except rods, lines, &c. is prohibited in all the waters of Ontario.

Will you be pleased to send me a dozen copies of the *Gazette* extra, in which the same is published. And send me the same.

Yours faithfully,

I have &c

Robt. W. Lewis

M.A.

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24, November 1877.

I have the honor to inform that it will be necessary to have the witnesses in attendance at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, 27th inst., in the case of the *James J. Joy*, Minister of Education, in the case against *Enoch Ritchie*, and *John Ritchie*, convicted for fishing without a license, and obstructing the main channel of the *Missisquoi*, with a log trap fishing apparatus, which they have appealed against.

James J. Joy, Minister of Education, Port Cartier.

Will you be pleased to send me a dozen copies of the *Gazette* extra, in which the same is published. And send me the same.

I have the honor most respectfully to apply to you for the same. It is required by the *James J. Joy*, Minister of Education, to be in attendance.

Yours faithfully,

I have &c

Robt. W. Lewis

M.A.

Dear Sir,

St. Albans 1879. —

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank
Cheque No. 1, for the sum of Fourteen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for Spear-
ing licenses in Newbury, for bearing, from 21st day of Nov-
ember, to the 15th of December 1879. —

And bearing for Sterring, Mass., and Pike, in B.
Bay, in Dundas Marsh, from 1st day of January, to the 20th
day of April 1880. — For this amount, I have issued Spear-
ing licenses, bearing this date to the undermentioned per-
sons: —

1. David Stock, East Gloucester, ✓	1.00.
2. Levi Barker, do. —	1.00.
3. Charles E. Baker, do. —	1.00.
4. Albert Lyons. — do.	1.00.
5. Michael Lyons. — do.	1.00.
6. John Lyons. — do.	1.00.
7. Wm. Raspberry. — do.	1.00.
8. John D. Baker. — do.	1.00.
9. Saml. Blith. — do.	1.00.
10. Lewis Mills. — do.	1.00.
11. Charles Smith, Stoughton. — (checked)	1.00.
12. Robert Hamilton do. —	1.00.
13. John Phillips. do. —	1.00.
14. James Price. do	1.00. —

Total, \$ 14.00.

I have &c.

Thos. Munster

John W. Kent

T.O.

Monday, 24. Nov. 1879. —

In the heights, collected \$13. for Spear-
ing licenses as above. There was 9 Spear-
ing lights out, they caught
a fish. — 11th from James Price, that he saw a
green hawk in a gill net, in a small shooting shiff
in row toward the Valley Dam. —

Went out at 1. p.m. — came in at 9. p.m. Miles 11
B. 1.50. Supper for two 50¢. C. J. Row with
me. —

My dear Sir, —

27. October 1879,

Yours of the 19th instant, was duly received. I called at your office, in Toronto, on the 19th instant, and one of your Co. L's, took from me a memorandum for you. —

I now send you the Regulation in Council, dated 23rd of August 1870, by which the Patchets were debarred from fishing in River Credit, except under a license from the Department of Fisheries.

This Regulation is published in The Canada Gazette, Ottawa, Saturday, August 27, 1870. — and I hold at present a copy of my possession for to produce in Court at Mrampton. —

Will you please read, Section 19, and Sub section 2, of Section 19. of the Fisheries Act, on this head. —

and believe me with due respect,

Yours Obediently,
John Wilson
T.O.

Wm. Wilson Esq.
T.O.

(private,

27. Nov: 1879.

My dear Wilson, —

You will find it for me all the evidence you can to prove they saw the Patchet & fish in Boy trap apparatus, in the River Credit, and that the same men take fish out of the River. — let me have this immediately. —

And I will be ready by Monday next to go on with the case again. — ask me of the fish and fish skins for me. —

Yours J. Wilson Esq.
T.O.

J. Wilson
T.O.

Wednesday, 26. Nov: 1879. —

at the Straights. Wm Bolton, J. East, paid me one dollar. Wm Weaver, spoke to me for a speaking license. —

Five speakers out, also fish. — delivered Levi Baker, Abraham E. Baker, Charles Smith, Wm. Kasher, Albert Lyons, Brock Lyons, Robert Hamilton, & John Phillips their Licenses, went on Bartons Hill, and took a view all round. — went out at 12. Noon, came in at 8. p.m. Miles 16. H.P. 1.50. C. J. Wilson

Thursday, 27, November 1879. -

At Chas: Williams Oil Factory, examined the premises carefully all over, found nothing wrong. - Saw the person who is in charge and he pledged himself to obey the law. - and would keep the Oil ^{the} out of the Inlet. S. S. Curtis, gave me information that the Oil was being run into the Inlet, it was not correct. -

Went out at 10. a.m. came in at 4. p.m. Miles 16. 144 Bs. 1.50. C. J. Kerr, with me. -

Friday, 28, November 1879. -

B. M. 4.
H. M. 1.

On N. beach, from John Leavors, around by Wellington. and the Heights, Thomas Eric - paid me \$3. on acct. and Harry Redmond \$1. for spearing, went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6. p.m. - Miles 50. 144 Bs. 2.00. dinner 50¢, total 33¢. C. J. Kerr, with me. -

Saturday, 29, November 1879. -

On the Heights, no person spearing, had a conversation with Billy Macbony, Jack Ouel, and Silas Wheeler. Read the law respecting the Sabbath Close Season - He, went out at 5. p.m. came in at 11. p.m., also at Wharf near J. W. Ry. found nothing wrong. - Miles 16. 144 Bs. 1.50. C. J. K. with me. -

Sunday, 30, November 1879. -

At Fages Inlet - saw a fisherman's boat out, going East. sails taken down, and Rowing commenced and continued. went out at 10. a.m. came in at 3. p.m. - Miles 4. 144 Bs. 1.50. C. J. Kerr with me. -

Monday, 1st December 1879. -

At Clarkins, corners, - thence to Port Credit, and from beach to Hamilton - up on the Heights. - Luke Mulloch, and Chris: Deagle paid me \$1. each for spearing: went out at 6. a.m. came in at 9. 30. p.m. Miles 96. My fare. 2.60. dinner, breakfast and tea \$1. - C. J. Kerr with me on night. -

Sir,

2nd November 1879.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 26th ultimo, in reply, to mine of the 24th in reference to my intention of prosecuting Erach Patchet by J. L. having erected a dam in his possession, illegally caught by his boys, in the River Credit, with a Boy trap apparatus, in contravention of the fishing act.

And with your instructions, to take no further legal proceedings in the matter, until so directed by the Department.

In reply, I beg most respectfully to report, that your orders will be strictly attended to, on my part.

There is no objection whatever, in allowing Zals, to be caught under proper licenses, from the department, in the River Credit, as they devour Salmon and bass eggs, and the fry of these and other valuable fishes, being very numerous in the River Credit.

I do not consider the Boy trapping apparatus business, as a cloak, used and fished to catch Salmon in the River Credit, exclusively. - But what I did complain of most, was, that in setting this Boy trap apparatus in the main channel of the River Credit, at the lower end of a rushing rapid, made more rapid by the construction of a stone wall, - slanting from edge of stream, direct to Boy trap and which no fish can pass; hence fish of all kinds while descending the stream, have no other place, but this Boy trap Zals and their apparatus, to go in, as the water in a body rushes in, and through the Boy trap, Zals and their apparatus, just as fast, perhaps faster, than over the rest of the rapid, but in every instance the Zals, and all other kinds of fish, always remain in the boy trap, and there.

I am much obliged for your suggestion, and I have the honor to recommend that Zals may in future be permitted to be caught under a license in the River Credit, under legal restrictions, in conformity with the provisions of the fishing act, its rules, orders, and regulations in Council.

Hoping this will meet your approval. -

I have &c.

Yours faithfully,

John Wilson
J. W.

Wednesday 3rd November 1879.

18. Making inquiries about gill nets, heard from little Jack, and Massey, that Gillard of Nashbury had a net, - about the Bay River. - C. J. K. - went out at 9. a.m. came in at 1 p.m. - 1879.

Thursday, 4, December 1879.

On B. Heights, Rock bay, Carrolls point, Bastien
and on the Bay, grappling for Gile nets - found none
went out 9 a.m. Came in at 12 - all night.
Miles about 24. H4 B. \$2 - dinner and tea 75¢
C. J. & Ed. Kerr with me -

Mr. H. L. Bastien - paid me \$5. for fishing at-
tion on B. beach. and that Thompson paid me \$3.
for the Brown Brother \$2.50. Brown \$1.50.

Mr. J. F. Wilcox

Port Credit.

Telegram to B. L. L.

25¢

My dear Sir,

You will re-
appear to be in Brampton, on next Tuesday
morning the 9th of December instant when the
General Court of Quarter Sessions opens there, for
the County of Peel. -

You will also require to have Mark Rey-
nolds, and his father there, with you, - witnesses
in the case of the Brown - vs. Enoch, and
John Patchet.

Will you please find
eight dollars, towards paying expenses. -

Hamilton, Onto.

5. Dec. 1879.

J. S. Dal
John D. Kerr,
"H.O."

Friday, 5, December 1879.

At Port Credit, delivered above letter, to Jas. J. Wilcox -
with its contents of \$8. two 4th dollar bills. - Thence on to the
City of Toronto, and saw Alex. Macneil, Esq. Solicitor
and his partner, in case of Macneil vs. Jas. Simpson -
Licensed fisherman on the Bend, Toronto Bay. - - -

Thence to the Law Office of Mr. J. F. Wilcox, Esq. -
about attending at Brampton on Tuesday 9th instant
in appeals, The Crown, vs. Patchet, for illegal fish-
ing. He went out 10 a.m. came in at 10 p.m. -
having gone up to the Heights - about speaking -
Miles 92. Ry \$2. - dinner 55¢. H4 B. 1.50.

S. Kerr, -

James Maguire paid \$1. L. S. J. J.

December 1879. —

I am glad to give you a statement, dated 3rd of December 1879. —

I beg most respectfully to report to you, for the information of the
 Board, that the following statement comprises the articles and stores belonging
 to the Fisheries Department at present in my possession, and
 given in the discharge of my duty as Fisheries Officer. — J. H. W. S.

1. One Bolt Revolver, (pistol), 5 Chambers, including cases, &c. worth about
 in good order. — 20 00.
 2. A spy glass, do. — 20 00
 3. One boat, 3 pair of oars & paddle & sail, all in good
 order. — worth about 30 00.
 4. A small boat, for Duffin River, with 2 oars, and a paddle,
 worth about 15 00.
 5. One hatchet, worth about 2 00
 6. Two Barrels — and four fish gills — for transporting live fish,
 and gill, in good order, worth 15 00.
 7. A good Sloop Net, with 200 fms. &c. for 200 fms.
 &c. &c. in good order. — worth 20 00.
 8. One line — with rope — intended for a contravention of
 the Fisheries Act — for sale, worth about 10 00.
 9. One rope line, — worth 1 50
- Total. 4 124.50
10. In addition to the foregoing, I have 3 grapples, and lines, worth
 three dollars. — 3 00
 11. Telescope paper, — in my possession at present. — Three pieces,
 for daily use. — —
 12. Two ropes, "Official," — one 65, large, and 24, small, on reel. —
 13. One Black Annual form. — For reports of 1879. &c. —
 14. Twenty two, Black Quarterly Returns. —
 15. One Hundred and thirty, Black Vouchers. —
 16. One Hundred and thirty, Black Complaints. —
 17. Seventy two Summons (Black) for defendants. —
 18. Seventy seven Supposals. — do. —
 19. Thirty two Convictions. — do. —
 20. Twenty three Commitments. — do. —
 21. Besides! 8 Letter Books containing copies of all my off.
 correspondence, and reports — and diaries — made by me to the
 Department, commencing on 23rd of December 1864, and up to
 this present date inclusive. — —
- My first appointment was made by The Hon^{ble} A. Campbell Com^r
 Crown Lands — dated 16th Dec: 1864. —
- And in this respect

Hon^{ble} Minister,

Y. Y.

I have to, John W. S. — I have a small Long point skiff, with 2 oars,
 and a pair of oars which I have paid 20, — for
 this season. but have not changed the department
 with it. —

respectfully

John W. S. Esq.

Sir.

8, December 1879. —

I have the honor to apply to you, for a cheque for One Hundred and forty five dollars — for to pay the balance of Guardian's rent.

" On Duffins Creek, for year 1879. —	100.00.
" The Rouge, do,	25.00.
" The River Credit, Streetsville, do. —	20.00

Total \$ 145.00

On receipt of money I will pay them off, get receipt in duplicate, and transmit the same at once to the department.

I Have &c.

John W. Kerr.

Wednesday, 4. Tuesday, 9. December 1879. —

At Monmouth — attended General Sessions there for County of Peel. — In cases against John and Enoch Hatchet — see my report of the proceedings — dated 10th instant, in The Star: The Minister, —

Went out at 5. a.m. came in at 3. a.m. — the 10th instant — miles. Railway fare. — 3.30
Horse Team \$2. Breakfast dinner and tea \$1.00,
Jame Mack Reynolds and father \$3. — \$4.00. 1.50
Total \$7.30

Thursday 11. Dec 1879. —

At the General Sessions of the Crown, attending in behalf of the Fisheries in case of Jas. Douc against Eliza McElroy & John Hargel, George Dawson, and Sam. Corey, who appealed against Jas. Cahills Esq^r J. J.'s decision, for catching white fish with an illegal seine, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 6 p.m. — miles 8 1879 \$1.50

Friday 12, Dec. 1879. —

Attended the General Sessions — in the above case a point of law being raised by Mr. Osler, the County Attorney, the Judge ruled that The Hon. The Minister alone was the person to appeal to, — went out at 8. a.m. came in 3.30 p.m. miles 8 — at J. & N. depot, — \$4.00. 1.50 —

24. 12. 1849.

24. 12. 1849.

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Wednesday last, the 19th instant, when at Springfield, near the River Credit, township of Toronto, I met Frederick Shaper, an ex-fisherman, who informed me that if I went and searched Enoch Patchet Sr, Smoke I would find a quantity of smoked Eels there, part of those caught by John and Enoch Patchet Jr his sons, in the Boy trap fishing apparatus, illegally set in River Credit, and for which they were fined as already reported to you. --

I went instantly there and I found fourteen Eels, and Eel skins, hanging up on an iron rod, and on nails driven in a piece of wood. -- I took the same into my possession, and will shortly have Enoch Patchet Sr tried for having those fish, illegally caught, in his possession. -- For all particulars, see my reports of 29th of September last, and 26th of October last.

I have &c.

John W. Leno
T.O.

To: Minister,
T.O.

13. 12.

Put off, till I can procure it =
John W. Leno

21. 12. 1849.

10 December 1849.

With reference to my report of 24th of November last, reporting to you the seizure I made of smoked Eels, illegally caught in the River Credit, in contravention of the Fishery Act. --

I would respectfully recommend, that the same be given to some poor people living in the neighborhood of Port Credit. -- Hoping the same will meet your approval.

I have &c.

John W. Leno
T.O.

To: Minister,
T.O.

Telegraph.

To

W. B. Whitcher Esq.
Commissioner of Fisheries.
Ottawa. --

12. December 1849. --

Judge Sinclair in General Sessions here sitting, has just ruled in Jones vs. McFoyne et al an appeal against Magistrate's conviction; for fishing an illegal seine &c. That such appeals must in all cases be made to the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries alone -- Will report. --

John W. Leno

T.O.

Sir,

10. December 1879. -

I have the honor to report, that on yesterday, before His Honor Judge Scott, in Manxton at the Court of General Sessions for the County of Peel. - The Conviction against Enoch Patchet, Jr., of the township of Toronto, made by Robert Cox Esq. J.P., on the 8th of September last; - for obstructing the main channel of the River Credit, by placing therein a Boy trap fishing apparatus, ~~erected~~ in a stone dam built across the said River Credit. The Contention of such section 4, of section 13. of the Fisheries Act, - was sustained!

This verdict was given by a Jury of Twelve men. - The only evidence produced by me, to sustain the Conviction, was that of Mark Reynolds, an illiterate poor boy, of 14 years old, who saw Enoch, make the boy trap fishing apparatus, then firmly fixed in this dam in the main channel of the River Credit at the lower end of a rapid. - This boy also proved, that he saw Enoch, take Eels, Shad and Bass, out of this boy trap fishing apparatus, which were given to him by the said Enoch Patchet Jr., for to sell; and that he got some of the Eels, that were caught therein. -

There was no proof to sustain the Conviction against John Patchet, and altho' a Jury was sworn, there was no evidence for to go to the Jury. -

I had James J. Wilcox, the Guardian, the boy, and the boys father in attendance at 1 o'clock, p.m., when the Court opened. -

Mr. John A. Macdonald, Barrister, of the Law firm of Fry and Co., Toronto - who attended for the Fisheries Department, discharged his duty ably, efficiently; and satisfactorily. -

Mr. Flemming, Counsel, for the appellants, said all he could, in behalf of his clients. -

Judge Scott, a most excellent gentleman, deserves my highest esteem and approval, for the honorable way in which he discharged his duty on the Bench. -

And with due respect.

I Have &c.,

John H. Leno

J.P.

Hon. Minister, &c. &c. &c.

P.S. I do not consider it necessary now, at present, to prosecute any further. - Henry Patchet, threatened to prosecute the boy. If however, he should do so, I will ask for him, your protection.

John H. Leno
J.P.

26, November 1879. -

I am in honor to receive copy of Mr. John Mely's letter of application, for privilege of fishing 5, sets of Hoop nets in Ashkin or Toronto Bay; for the purpose of catching Cat fish, &c., during this winter; and sent to me by you to report upon. -

In reply, I beg most respectfully to report that already, by orders issued by the department, only one net fishing under license is permitted in Toronto Bay, and only within small fixed limits of the same. - I cannot see any just reason why! this established rule should be now departed from; consequently, I will not recommend that Mr. John Mely's application be granted, so far as Toronto Bay is concerned. -

As regards Ashkin Bay: I don't know any such bay, perhaps Ashbridges Bay, is meant. -

If so; then I should say!! that a local resident fisherman, this Bay being ^{differently} fixed, licensed for pike gill nets, should have the preference if the department is disposed to grant the privilege now asked for. - Ashbridges Bay, abounds in small Cat fish or pike cats, but in fishing for them, with gill sets of Hoop nets, bass of all kinds, pike, perch, and sun fish, "blue and speckled", would be just as numerous as the Catfish; because invariably in the best channels, where fish run, it is that hoop "minute pound", nets are set. Besides! the vast multitude of Toronto people who walk along the shore, as in times past, would derive, as they still derive you consideration, as well as the local licensed fisherman in this respect. -

I am very well aware that there is a great abundance of Catfish in Ashbridges Bay; and that these fish when disposed will bring 7¢, a pound in Buffalo Market where they can be shipped daily. - But I question if Mr. Mely would be willing to pay 10¢ for each net, say from this time, up to the 20th of April next, for to fish them in Ashbridges Bay under the law. - Mr. Wm. Woodland, a licensed fisherman, with a young family living on the east end of Ashbridges Bay, did speak to me last spring, to know if he could or would be allowed to fish Hoop nets for these small Cat fish, when my answer was, No!!! After discussing the matter between us. -

Of course, if the department grant the permission, to the present applicant, or to Mr. Woodland, I am agreed, & as in duty bound, will be satisfied; feeling at the same time as I do, that it is my duty, to refer for your information, to all these things, as above. -

Then again! Mr John Bly, goes on to say; If you cannot get a license for the above mentioned place, can you, for Frenchman's Bay, three miles this side of Toronto. - -

In reply to all this, I beg most respectfully to report, that I have no objection that a license should be at once issued to Mr John Bly, for to fish five hoop nets in Frenchman's Bay, at 75. each. say from this time, up to 20. April next, and I have much pleasure in recommending the same to be granted. - The license fee to be paid in to me. - - -

Mr Bly, however makes a big mistake, as Frenchman's Bay, is 18 miles, instead of 3, from Toronto. My reason for the reduced price, per hoop net, - from 10 to 5, is, that Frenchman's Bay has no channels in it, and only one entrance ^{into it}, and one out of it, so that fish there will always get fair play, even among hoop nets. - And with due respect,

Hon: Minister,

Y. Y. Y. 3

I have &c

John W. Sless.
J.O.

Saturday, 13. December 1879. - -

At Toronto, attending as a witness, for James Simpson, sued for accidentally breaking a row Boat. - The trial to come up on Monday at 1. o'clock, went out at 8. a.m. came in at 6.30. p.m. Miles 90. 14 & B. 1.50. Ry fare ^{2.00} dinner 50. -

Sunday, 14. December 1879. - -

On M. beach, making enquiries about Sabbath fishing - Saw: Mr Wynne told me J. H. Corey, had set his fishing gill net on the small white fish bar. - - And J. H. Corey, told me had set there. Went out 9. a.m. came in at 2. p.m. Miles, about 20. 14 & B. 1.50.

Heard from John Safer, that Geo: Jones had been to him, to get his license, gave it to him. - He also tried Ben: Holdo, but Ben: refused to let him see his. - Jones said Jack Safer, that J. H. Corey had not received any license - only a Receipt - a bit of a calculation.

My dear Sir and Brother,

Being the Oldest, and a Charter Member, an Past Master of St. John's, please inform me why it is my name is omitted from the List of Most Worshipful Masters eligible for the Office of Worshippful Masters.

Yours faithfully,
John W. Kerr, P.M.,
St. John's No. 40,
Morton,
Hamilton, Ont.
12. Dec. 1879. -

To, J. A. Malcolm Esq.
Secretary,
St. John's Lodge
No. 40,
Hamilton.

My dear Sir,

Hamilton, 12. Dec. 1879.

Your answer, and in reply to your answer, if you are to proceed against these poor people, I have only to say to you, you must not do any thing of the kind. - Did I not read to you the Whitehead letter to me, that I was not to press the matter too far. -

And to take no further steps against any Mason, unless advised by him to do so.

Should Henry Patchet, take proceedings against Frank Reynolds, telegraph me at once as he must be protected. -

Yours &c

John W. Kerr,
P.M.,

To, G. Wilcox Esq.
P.M.,
St. John's.

Monday, 15. December 1879. -

At Toronto, attended trial of Charles Kearsall vs. James Simpson, charged with damaging a Boat (racing shell) thence to Whitby, and back to Buffin's Creek, went out at 5. a.m. came in at 11. p.m. - Miles 79. - Ry fare 2.25 - 144 B. 1.50. Breakfast, dinner, tea and bed \$1.25. Post 50¢.

Tuesday 16. December 1879. -

At Buffin's Creek, Frenchman's Bay, - back to Frenchman's Bay, thence to Toronto and - thence back to Toronto and Hamilton, Ry fare \$2.00 544 B. 3.00. Breakfast dinner 75¢ Miles 82. - Telegraph 25¢
25.7

See

12, December 1879. -

In the case of *McGwynne et al. vs. Jones*, an appeal against Police Magistrate James Cahill's conviction,

for fishing for, and catching white fish on the 16th day of June in Lake Ontario, on N. beach, with a white fish seine net, having about four yards, by four yards of 3" mesh meshes in the bottom, in contravention of the fishing act. -

My former report to you dated 2nd day of June 1879, will give you all the particulars in this case, which the spirit of revenge has been carried too far, by John D. Gray as against Eliza McGwynne, John Doyle, Sam. Gray and Jas. Dawson. -

I telegraphed you the result today and now upon the remarks of the Hamilton Spectator, upon the case, brought to a sudden end today.

Mr. Selby, County Attorney and Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wentworth, has promised me a copy of Judge Sinclair's ruling. The appeals were dismissed without costs. I presume McGwynne and the other defendants will petition the Hon. The Minister when I will have much pleasure in recommending their petition for his favorable consideration. - I am glad and rejoiced that appealing to the General Session Court, has at last come to an antedemical end. -

W. J. W.

Commissioner

Job.

I have &c

J. H. H. Esq. F. C.

Wednesday, 17. December 1879. -

At James Dulat, on inspection, thence to Hamilton, went out 12.50, p.m. came in at 5.15, p.m., Miles 8. 14 & C 1.50.

Telegraph to W. B. Woodland 25[¢] do - to Ottawa 50[¢] do - 25[¢]

Thursday, 18. December 1879. - -

At Toronto, and Leileville to see W. B. Woodland, fisherman, and John Jansel, to get up my returns for 1879.

Also warned George and Charles Loring against catching muskrats - by cutting open the house - also warned Thomas Wetherington Jester, - went out at 5 a.m. came in at 6.20, p.m. - 98 miles - 14 & B. 3.00
By fare #2. dinner and breakfast 75[¢]

W. J. Whitaker,
Comr. of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

17 December 1879.

Hamilton. - To post for location and all of the
proceedings in case of James M. McGeorge, ap-
peals dismissed at General Sessions. - Give a bill to appeal by
petition to the Minister. -

Eliza McGeorge, R. Secy. -

I respectfully recommend
this. -

John W. Kerr
D.O.

My dear Sir:

I enclose you your personal copy of the Peti-
tion. I sent you also to Eliza McGeorge, to the Commissioner.

I would recommend you to see Mr. John McGeorge, who
at once, and have his petition at once in the name of your
wife, and the other persons, the defendants. -

I think they have been badly treated, and I suppose Mr.
McGeorge will tell you, Judge Sinclair's ruling, is not just, in
Equity or Law. I think Mr. Kerr; I sent you to him, and show him
the telegraph. -

Yours truly,

John W. Kerr

Dr. J. McGeorge -
R. Secy.

No. Hamilton, Ont.
17 Dec: 1879.

My dear Mr. Kerr,

17 December 1879. -

I send you, a post office order, No. 3.192, Cash,
Hamilton, 19 December 1879. - for twenty five dollars. -

By presenting this order at Bank of Montreal, post office, you
will get the money. - I send you receipts in duplicate, which
please sign and return to me. - A great many people have
been circulating reports of a great many salmon seen in the
Rouge in Ottawa Lake. - Is this true? -

Andrew McGeorge, a notable, living near the Rouge, told
a friend of mine, there was abundance of salmon, in the Rouge,
nearly spawning season. -

Now please, don't believe me. - Just tell me
all you know immediately. -

Yours sincerely,

John W. Kerr
Fishery Commissioner

Mr. Peter Goshen
Post Office -
J. D. Railway -

My dear Sir,

19. December 1879. —

I duly received your letter, and I now enclose your post office order, No: 3.103, dated Hamilton, Office, 19. December, 1879. — for twenty dollars. —

I also send you Receipts in duplicate, for you to sign, and return to me. —

When recently talking with some one, at Brantford, I was told that (2.) Salmon were caught at Springfield, last spring, by the Shullet and Duckers, fishermen. —

I wish you could find out for me, who they were, and names, and residence. —

I wish you the Compliments of the season (Christmas) and many happy returns of the same. —

Thomas Harris Esq
Cheesville,
Ontario

Sincerely,
John W. Kerr.
J. W. Kerr.

My dear Mr Gordon. —

Hamilton, 19. December 1879. —

Will you be pleased to find, post office order, No: 3.101, dated Hamilton, Office, — 19. of December 1879, for ten dollars. —

Of this amount, you will take fifty dollars, for yourself, give twenty, to Mr Thomas Fields, and keep the balance thirty dollars, for your son Stephen, he having written me, to give the money to you. —

I however, may tell you, that I promised to get Stephen your son forty dollars. — and I promised Thomas Fields, twenty dollars; while all the department, at Ottawa, granted, for Duffins Creek, was \$100. — upon the recommendation of Mr. Neilson.

I must leave, keep my word with Stephen, and when I make out my incidentals for present quarter, ending 31st of December 1879, — and get the money, I will give you \$10. more for Stephen. —

I send you Receipts in duplicate for Thomas Fields filled up, get him to sign them; and please return to me. —

I got the cheque last night, and the P. Office order to day. —

I wish you the Compliments of the season (Christmas) and many happy returns of the same. —

John W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

John W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

My dear Sir,

22. Dec: 1879. —

I was informed this day, that Messrs. Hutton, Huttonville and Kenneth Whishorn, M. P. P. — Sawmill Owners — have been allowing saw dust into the waters of the River Credit. You will visit these saw mills — for it must be stopped immediately; the saw mill, between Hornal, and Springfield, on the River Credit, must be visited by you, and the state you find them in, reported to me, by you, for the information of the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. P.S. Note in your Allen: Book, the saw mill in which you find each mill. Yrs. truly,

Geo: J. Wilcox Esq.
P.O.

John W. Osler P.O.

Large Stamps 50¢.

My dear Sir,

private.

Upon the recommendation the Esks marked, confiscated from Enoch Patchet, are ordered to be given to the poor in the neighbourhood of Port P. & C.

Especially thank Reynolds father and mother are as poor, as any one, in your neighbourhood; please let them have the fourteen Esks; now in your possession.

Geo: J. Wilcox Esq.
P.O.
P.O. Credit.

Yrs. truly,
John W. Osler
P.O.

22. Dec: 1879.

My dear Sir,

William Reby Esq. J. P. of the Town of Niagara, has twice written to me about the Constable J. M. Bradley's costs in your suit against David Dethor — said Constable, was sent to jail by him, upon your complaint. — As you are alone responsible for these costs, I would recommend you, for to pay them at once.

Yrs. truly
Joseph Gabriel Esq.
Niagara.

John W. Osler
P.O.
22. Dec: 1879.

M'GWYNN vs. JONES.

This is an appeal in a fishery case in which the ownership of lake waters was brought into question. Mr. Sadleir appeared for the appellant; Mr. Osler for the respondent. His Honor gave his judgment on a point raised by Mr. Osler that this Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal. The Fisheries Act provided for an appeal to the Minister of Fisheries, and to that tribunal must be relegated the appellant's rights to seek redress in this case. The appeal was therefore dismissed.

Sir,

25. Dec. 1879.

I have the honor to send you, the copy of a letter, this day received from Mr. Frank L. Drake, C. of Police District.

As I distributed the Commissioners, printed Notice - dated 2nd of July 1879. - amongst all the fishermen - fish dealers, Express Agents, and Railway Managers in my division; I will just run over after it has been seen Mr. Claydon, find out where he got those speckled trout, and have him fined, for having 12 boxes of them in his possession illegally. - "Close season"

Perhaps these specimens of trout are from the same source as the ones which I have again reported to you as.

I Have &c.

Yours faithfully

J. W. L.

J. W. L.

Sir,

26. Dec. 1879.

I attended before the Police Magistrate, Toronto, in the case against J. Claydon, being brought up by Chief Constable Drake, for having speckled trout in his possession exposed for sale in contravention of the Fisheries Act.

Mr. Boyd, a Barrister, appeared for the defendant when the Law, and Orders in Council were argued in mitigation of the offence.

I asked the Magistrate to adjourn the case until Tuesday next, in order that I might lay the matter before you for adjudication. -

I believe from the annexed telegraph, it is a case for you to decide.

By the annexed bill you will find there was 199 pounds of Speckled Trout in the Consignment.

No Certificate similar to that which is sent with the consignment - "June and July" - Sales - accompanying these Speckled Trout.

Please return the Invoice and Telegram,

Yr. J. W. L.

I Have &c.

John W. L.

P.S. I presume you know Mr. Geo. Miller of
Matthews & Co. B.C.

Yr. L. &c.
J. W. L.

✓ Friday, 26. December 1879. —

At Toronto, attending the Police Court, in case of E. C. Draper against J. Cleghorn, for having speckled trout illegally in his possession for sale — Case adjourned; so that the Fisheries Department, may be communicated with;

Went out at 8. a. m., came in at 6.30. p. m., Miles 90. 44 B. 1.50. Ry fare 2.00. dinner 55¢ — Gabriel, promised to pay Bradley the available, his claim. —

Saturday 27. December 1879. —

At St. Catharines and Niagara, getting up returns for 1879. —
Went out at 10. a. m., came in at 5. p. m. — Miles 48. —
Ry fare \$1. Stage 50¢. dinner 40¢, Tea and bed 50¢. — Tel: 30¢.

Sunday, 28. December 1879. —

✓ Attended old Mrs. Walter Elliotts funeral. was one of the pall bearers. — Breakfast dinner, tea and bed off 1.00¢. Spoke to Mr. Gabriel, about Cook, in Domes case, who promised to pay —

Monday 29. December 1879. —

✓ At Niagara, St. Catharines, Hamilton, and Stone. — went out 5.30. a. m., came in at 10. a. m., Miles 46, 44 B. \$2.00 & Ry fare \$1. —

Tuesday 30. Dec: 1879. —

✓ At Toronto to attend, adjourned Speckled Trout case. — Mrs. Whitchers, telegram was read also my last communication and telegram to the Fisheries Department, went out 5.30. a. m., came in at 6.30. p. m., went by Ice boat across to the Island to get David Wards returns of fish for year 1879. — Case of Speckled Trout, adjourned until the 1st of January next, did not get return — Miles 90. — Ry fare \$2. Breakfast and dinner \$1. Ice Boat \$1. —

Wednesday, 1st January 1880. —

✓ On B. Beach, read letter from Mr. McGeorge to about her appeal, &c. — saw some letters from the Minister's decision in case of McGeorge — also decision of J. H. Gray. — saw some letters from my return from Beach, and saw the Cahill again on the subject, &c. — went out at 8. a. m. — at 5. p. m. — Miles 30, 44 B. 2.00. —

Friday 2. January 1880. —

✓ At Toronto, examined the speckled trout, in J. Cleghorn's possession, — they are evidently Freys trout, no spawn in them — they are a mixture of Sea, and speckled trout — a long time caught, the bellies of some of them turned yellow, and beginning to decay, — made a memorandum in my pocket diary, — examined them by order of the Dept. went out at 11.35. a. m., came in at 5. p. m., Miles 110. Ry fare \$2.00, dinner 60¢.

Sir,

31. December 1879. —

I have the honor to report, that I attended the adjourned Speckled Trout case of J. Cleghorn, of the City of Toronto, before Police Magistrate Hamilton, this day. —

Mr. Boyde, Barrister, again appeared for the defendant and argued precisely, as he had done before, per my report of 26th inst. —

Mr. J. D. Hamilton, J. M., Commissioner views as to the clearness of the law, and regulations in the case was not shaken by Mr. Boyde's argument. — I handed to the Magistrate for perusal, your telegram of 27th inst. directing my course in the case. —

The worthy Magistrate however at the urgent request of Mr. Boyde again adjourned the case, until the 9th of January next, so as to let Mr. Boyde, have an opportunity of getting your full views on the case, besides hearing from Mr. John Miller, Irish dealer, of Bathurst St. Mr. Boyde will write you on the subject himself, and when you answer his communication, will you be pleased to send me a copy of it. — Also a copy of the Canada Gazette, containing the last regulation in Council, fixing the close season for speckled trout. —

Chief Comr. Fraser, holds on to the case and had it before the Magistrate, when I just got down to Toronto. —

The speckled trout are still in the boxes they were in, when seized, sealed up, and remaining at Cleghorn 92, George St. but safe and secure.

W. J. Whitaker Esq.
Comr. of Fishery
Ottawa.

I remain &c.
John W. Kerr
T.O.

Saturday. 3. January 1879. —

at Toronto, getting up returns — went out at 11.30 a.m.
Came in at 4.30 p.m. Miles to My fare 80 cts. 54 x 51.50

Per. for Copy of Patches
Conviction. —

911
2.10

My dear Sir,

31. December 1879.

Mr John Miller a Fish dealer resident in Bathurst the Head Quarters of your Division, M.B., recently sent two boxes of speckled trout containing 199 pounds weight to J. Cleghorn, 92, Yonge Street, Toronto - which is in my division in Ontario. -

These fish being supposed for sale were seized by Chief Com. Frank L. Hope - and reported to me, see section 44. and sub section 2. of section 44 of the Fisheries Act. -

I reported all the particulars of this case to the department at Ottawa. - - -

The case has been twice before the Police Court, Toronto, and stands at present adjourned, until the 9th of January next.

Cleghorn accounts for the possession, by saying that they were received from Mr John Miller, M.B., who claims to have had them legally, and kept them in an artificial freezer. -

If this is so, some proof of the fact, should be forthcoming at the next adjourned trial, and it was quite easy for Mr Miller if he shipped trout lawfully taken in your faith, to be sold in any market, where the local laws forbid their being supposed for sale, to have provided himself with the certificate of the local fishing officer. -

Now you are that officer resident at Bathurst, M.B., will you, if you can conscientiously do so, send me such a certificate in order, that the same may be produced and pleaded as lawful excuse at next trial, according to the statute, and if you cannot do this, please write to me to that effect. -

Mr John Miller, Cleghorn told me, has still plenty of speckled trout on hand. -

As Cleghorn may likely apply to Miller to obtain such certificate your favor. - I consider it my duty to apprise you at once of the above facts, so that you may be put on your guard, what it is required for. - and should everything be legally carried on, or otherwise, and the speckled trout be caught in lawful season. As sent to Cleghorn from Mr Miller's possession at Bathurst.

I may be able to certify, that I have written you myself on the subject with the result, whatever it may be, that I receive from you, and believe me. -

Yrs faithfully

James McKee Esq.

J. Currier,

Bathurst, Ont.

M.B.

John McKee
J. Currier
Hamilton, Ont.

H.B. My object in writing you, is to please to pay me, by giving
me a check or to deposit by some other person in which you may
bring me the exact amount at present in full, or a portion of
the same by other means.

If you wish to have the ledger more legibly kept, please
your date of catching, weighing, &c. in all other particulars an obligation
to the same.

My dear Sir,

8. January 1860.

Write you the pleasure to have been immediately, an
account, and return of all the different kinds of fish caught by
you during the year ending 31st of December 1859, with the names of the fish
also the number of fish caught by you in fishing, and the value of
each kind.

Number of fish in your white fish line, and its value, including
the rope and in fishing.

Also the number of pounds of all the different kinds of fish
caught, keeping each kind by itself, as fish by you during the past year.

The amount of the different kinds of fish caught by you,
with fish notes, representing the amount caught in American waters,
and with any other values of the same year.

Robert John Allen, -
Bickham.

Respectfully,
John Allen.
B.O.

Allegans.

Immediate.

My dear Sir,

7. January 1860.

I write to thank you to inform your brother Dick,
and James Joyce, that unless they pay up their licence fees, \$5, before
next Saturday, for the past year of 1859, I shall seize
the boats.

John's licence year is nearly over due, licences are also liable
to be cancelled altogether.

Your brother must pay me now at once, and stop
fishing this year 1860, until they pay me in advance.

They had money when I was in Montserrat last Satur-
day.

Yours truly

John Allen
B.O.

Montserrat! My dear England - I must have
your licence fee \$5, by Saturday next, so that you can take it to
me; as I have received orders to collect up every fee over-
due, and send it to Ottawa immediately, don't fail me this
time.

Wm. England.

Bickham.

Montserrat.

John Allen

B.O.,

7. January 1860.

5. January 1880. —

I have the honor to send you herewith Vouchers Nos: 1, 2, and 3, — for the sum of One Hundred, and forty five dollars: — paid by me to the undermentioned Guardians, on the Salmon Streams; and which amount, was fixed by the General Order, of the Superintendent of the Government Fish Raising Establishment to...

- That is to say:
1. John Gordon & Co. and 2, others. — Griffins Creek. — 100.
 2. Peter Goshue — The Rouge. — 25.
 3. Thomas Harris. — The River Credit, Shecterville. — 20.
- Total \$ 145.

The amount and cheque on the Montreal Bank, being in my name, I enclose you receipts in duplicate for the said \$145. —

Yours sincerely,

John W. Kerr

Paid for Post Office Orders &c.

My dear Sir, I wish to engage you again this fall, and your services are engaged accordingly by me, and upon my recommendation, and with the permission of The Hon: the Minister of Marine & Fisheries, Ottawa; as a Local Fishery guardian, during the spawning season of salmon, in the River Credit, between Springfield and Meadowsall, at the rate of \$20, same as you had last year. —

Young Spruce, I have no doubt upon my mind, that a salmon last fall... Then you will have to keep a close watch on George Hume, J. L. Cooper, Dick Clarke, and on Walter Leslie and others of Shecterville, &c. — I wish you may be able to catch some of them. —

Please let me hear from you on receipt, as the water is (high) rising, I expect a fair good show of parent salmon spawning in the Credit shortly, please examine the River between Springfield and Meadowsall, and inform me of any little incident of any kind connected with the salmon, and the speckled trout. Coming to your knowledge in any way, or under your own personal observation. —

Don't permit let box traps or nets of any kind, nor spearing, nor grapnel hooks, shooting, &c. — and with my kind regards. —

Thomas Harris Esq.

Hotel Keeper

Shecterville

Yr. truly,

John W. Kerr

D. O.

6. October 1879.

Dear Sir,

5 January 1880.

I have the honor to send you herewith my account in
diary, not quite 31st day of December 1879. —

Black, Charles & Co. 1. —	Boatmen, &c.	\$127.50
" 2. —	Boatmen, &c.	5.49
" 3. —	Office rent all —	2.15
" 4. —	Boatmen, &c.	5.00
" 5. —	Boatmen, &c.	1.10
" 6. —	Boatmen, &c.	11.00
" 7. —	Boatmen, &c.	4.25
" 8. —	Boatmen, &c.	21.00
" 9. —	Boatmen, &c.	15.00
" 10. —	Boatmen, &c.	2.00
Total, of 1879.00		

My dear diary, you will please find that I have travelled
during the quarter ended, 20th 1879, on active duty, and which
was necessary for the protection of the Fisheries, &c. —

I have also the honor to report that I performed a good
deal of other active duties in which I have not charged any
amount to the department. — It was absolutely necessary however,
to incur the expenses set forth in these accounts, amounting
to \$195. — Twenty five $\frac{25}{100}$ dollars, of which was incurred as
far back as the year 1875, and which has been since recently
paid by me. — With much respect,

I have &c.

The Hon.

The Minister,

Y. Y. Y.

John Wilson

Fishing Bureau.

15. November 1879. —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., in which you attempt to mislead me, by making statements that are not correct.

In the first place, you applied to Mr. Whitaker, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa, for the privilege of fishing five sets of Sloop nets. — Mr. Whitaker sent me a copy of your letter to report upon. — I have now written me that you made application for the privilege of fishing 10 Sloop nets, instead of five which is not correct. —

And then you go on, with your special pleading which is as far as I am concerned amounts to nothing. —

Mr. Whitaker sent me a copy of the letter dated 27th November last, he has written to you. — I will carry out the instructions towards you, that I have received in the premises. —

In reporting upon your application, I only stated that small fish at 4¢ per pound (Oregan) while I am now aware that you can sell that you catch for 10¢ per pound, fresh fish being admitted into U. States ^{duty} ~~market~~ ^{office}. — I have no power whatever to permit you, or any other person to fish nets or other apparatus in any of the waters of Ontario under my supervision except under license or license from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and I cannot, and I will not make an exception in your case.

According to your own showing, you intend fishing eight nets, now, instead of five, as first applied for! And then! the price will be only 4¢ for each net, payable in advance, and I suppose you don't intend to throw back all the the pike the bass, the suckers and mullets, perch and sun fish, good marketable fish, that you may and will also catch. —

I was in Dufferin Creek, and Percheron Bay this morning, and I saw the nets you left in Dufferin Creek station. — I am aware that you have been recently there yourself. —

Should you come to the final conclusion of accepting the privilege communicated to you by the Commissioner I will see that no one trespasses within your licensed limits. — You can commence with one or two nets, but in each instance, the money has to be paid before fishing is commenced by you. — — —

As regards whether there is a scarcity or a great number
 abundance of this American Pomato in the St. Lawrence
 Bull heads, in Frenchman's bay, I am not prepared to tell you
 in fact, whatever my knowledge on this subject is, I must keep it
 to myself at present, perhaps it is best for me to do this.

It is in fact that you may not misinterpret me, that I
 write you this very matter of fact place answers to your letter...

You ought to be fishing now as there is no danger of losing
 nets in Frenchman's bay.

Please excuse me for writing thus farly and above
 board. — and believe me.

John F. Fisher
 Michelson
 W. H. Fisher

J. H. Fisher
 J. H. Fisher
 J. H. Fisher

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th instant, acquainting
 me of your appointment by the Hon. the Ministers of Justice to act
 as counsel for the Crown in two cases brought against Enosh Patchet
 & son Patchet (James & son) of Toronto, tried by
 J. Robert Esq. J. P., on 8th September last, upon complaint
 of James G. Wilcox, a fishery guardian, Port Credit: — For that he
 did on several occasions, between the 14th and 23rd day of August
 last, to wit, on the 17th of said month, fish for, catch and kill
 fish to wit hals, bass, and other fishes of various kinds in the River
 Credit, township of Toronto, without a license from the Depart-
 ment of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, and that they did at the
 same time and place actually obstruct the passage of the fish
 in the main channel and waters of the River Credit; with a box trap
 apparatus &c., in contravention of the Fisheries Act. — For these of-
 fences which was proven by a boy named Black Reynolds, who
 aided in the fishing, got some of the fish caught, and some of the
 fish for the defendants. —

They were fined, \$5. each, and \$3 costs, Fc. Fc. Fc. —
 James G. Wilcox complained against each person separately
 on oath, and he appeared at the trial. — I was present also
 and made a statement, corroborating the boy's testimony, as to
 the box trap apparatus in which the fish were caught, where
 it was set in the River Credit proved to be the same the
 witness Black Reynolds, saw the defendants Enosh Patchet
 & son making in his father's barn previous to its being fished,
 and used as aforesaid. —

The defendants appealed against the Magistrates
 conviction, because trying to show that the boy, the
 witness was not worthy of credit on oath.

I enclose for your information the Notices of appeal served on James G. Miley, and on the Convicting Magistrate, by the defendants. —

I also enclose what I believe is a copy of the Conviction of Leach Patchet, and John Patchet. —

I may have inform you, that I have been notified by the S. Department, Ottawa, of your appointment, and I will see Robert Cox Esq^{re} J. P. — The Convicting Magistrate soon and will get for him a copy of the evidence &c, and I will aid you in any other way within my power. —

Please read sub sections, 4. and 5, of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act, and believe me with due respect. —

J. J. Gray Esq^{re}
Barrister

Toronto.

Your Obedt Servant
John W. Kerr
J. W. Kerr

The Attorney of Brampton
is appellants Counsel, a Not grt,
J. W. Kerr J. W. Kerr

Sir,

6, January 1880,

I have the honor to apply to you for a blank letter Book, of about 400, or 450. pages. —

Each page to be 14" inches long, by 9" inches wide, including 1½" inch margin, marked with a red single line. —

My present letter book, a ruled book, contains 457. pages; and I am at present copying on page 432. —

I have &c,
Hon^{ble} the Minister,

John W. Kerr.
J. W. Kerr

Friday, 9. January 1880. —

At Toronto, attended the adjourned case of Chief Con: Frank C. Draper, against J. Claghorn & Son. — The evidence of — given beyond a letter from John Miller of Bathurst, N.B. — and from James McKen. Fishery Officer, Bathurst N.B. — after which the case was dismissed by the Magistrate. — went out at 9. a.m. came in at 5. p.m. Miles 88. My fare \$2.00 & dinner 50¢. At 10. 1.50. —

For further particulars, see my report. —

Saturday, 10. January 1880.

Man: Clerk paid me \$2.50 & on acct of a License for current year. — —

Dear Sir,

6 January 1880.

I have the honor to apply to you for a license hauling fish
from the fish lands of Boston, for the fish in the Sturgeon River
between Gilman's Hook, at Fort Lee and Brown's Mill in the township
of Wrentham, during the current year, at the rate of, — 30.00.

Also a license hauling license in the Sturgeon River at Fort Lee
or Stuffs, from the Charter of Harris, of 20th June, the license to be
the same as last year, at the same rate of, — 30.00.

The license will be paid for, when I receive these
licenses. —

Very respectfully

These to

to be paid for

to be

My dear Sir,

10 January 1880.

If I possibly can I will be with you on Monday
next, to get your share of all those of fish caught by you during the
past year. — Also the value of those fish by you in connection with
your share. — Your wife, Mr. W. employed in taking the fish, this
morning, Mr. W. — See Brown, please for the fish you have
brought this morning about your fishing. —

I will also give the same information to be given to
your father, before we will have happy return of
the same.

Yours truly,
J. W. Brown, Esq.

Yours truly,
J. W. Brown,
Esq.

Wrentham, Mass.

11 January 1880. —

My dear Sir, — We have your pay of \$3. — For a license for
fishing during a portion of the past year of 1879 I shall be obliged to take
for ourselves to have you in your son paid your money paid together
with your son — before we after the 1st of September last and I am
informed that you and your son have been in the habit of spearing
fish in taking fish into in Massachusetts bay, and down for last
spring; as no man can fish without a license from the Department
of Marine in Massachusetts, I am sorry to hear that you have both of you
been in the habit of spearing and fishing.

Very truly,
J. W. Brown, Esq.

Yours,

J. W. Brown

M.D.

Your license for this year 1880 will be \$5.
and it must be paid before you commence to
fish.

9. January 1880. -

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, and in obedience to your order, I examined the trout seized by Chief Constable Thomas C. Draper, Toronto. I opened several of the fish, but I did not get a particle of milk or eggs in them.

The trout were freezer frozen fish in a solid mass, a competent Judge, to whom I showed 2 of them (trout) informed me they were sea trout.

I believe they were sea trout; a letter was produced from Miller to Blegghorn, was read at the adjourned trial today dated 3rd of January instant, stating that he Miller was sorry to hear the trouble he Blegghorn had got into about the trout; that they were sea trout, but that it was of no consequence now! as the close season was over? -

The Magistrate dismissed the case. - -

On the 31st of December last, I addressed, a letter, copy herewith, to Mr. James Dickson, Fishery Overseer, Bathurst, N.B., and his reply to me, which the Magistrate also read in Court, will inform you of all the facts, that have come to my knowledge, in this ^{trout} case of Mr. Frank C. Draper C. C. of Police Toronto. - -

The Hon^{ble}

The Minister

To. To. To.

I have &c.

John W. Kerr

F. Overseer

12. January 1880. -

"Immediate."

My dear Sir, I was in the City of Toronto, on last Friday, when I heard from Mr. Michael Doyle, that you were concerned fishing trout in the "without having a license to do so, from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa". -

You will please send me ten dollars, on receipt of this, so that I may apply for, and get your Boat license for this current year of 1880, and so prevent the several members of your crew from being fined, for fishing without a license. - It has been also reported to me that some persons intend building a Club Boat House on the shore, on the Island - fishing reserve. The Fisheries Dept. will not permit any building thereon, except for fishing purposes. - I have also learned from a gentleman, a Lawyer, when in the Toronto Police Court, last Friday, that Manson, wants the exclusive rights of the Fisheries reserve in front of the place where he proposes to build his Hotel, so you in Port: Gray, had better be up and watch over your fishing interests. -

When on the Island, the 30th of December last, I left a memorandum at your sons House William - for to send me the Annual return of all kinds of fish caught by you, during the year 1879. But so far John has been taking of it.

Remember me kindly my friend David to your good kind old wife Mrs. Ward, and believe me, Yrs. Obediently, -
John W. Kerr Esq.

To. To. To. -

My dear Sir,
Your letters (2) received, what I asked my friend Sykes to tell you was: to send me your returns immediately of all fish of every kind caught by you during the year ending 31st of December 1879. —

The market value of each kind of fish. —

The kinds of nets used in catching them. —

If a seine, its length in fathoms. — and value in £, dollars, including the ropes used in hauling. —

The quantity of gill nets: say,

fish gill, number of yards. —

White fish gill net. do.

Harbour gill net. do.

The number of all kinds of boats used by you in fishing, and their intrinsic value. —

Please let me have this immediately. —

With reference to your license, I will apply for it, on time and let I may tell you you are a great risk in fishing, as I understand you are without, and before you get a license.

When a man applies for a license, he should invariably send the money. Of course your case is different, but you are aware that if those persons who were given last fall complain of you, I could not save you. — I allude to this, to show you, what a risk you run. —

I will thank you to see Mr. Abram Frobb for me, immediately, and get him to send me his annual returns immediately, and license money. —

A person offered me \$20, for the 20 fms this year, but I declined to take it, as I suppose Mr. Frobb was gone for that amount. —

I will ask you, to tell Mr. Frobb, to keep Overholt, within his Overholt fishing limits, he must not allow him to come east of the head of the lake.

I saw Lydon at Grimsby today, having a load of bass, and pike from Frobb, for the Hamilton Market tomorrow morning. Please tell him, I took six of them. —

I will endeavour to be down early on tomorrow morning at Hamilton to get a good buy for him.

And believe me yours &c.

Wm. Mac: Gilbert.

Fisherman

Jordan Station

W. J. G. G.

John W. Laro

D.O.

Sir,

15 January 1840,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the sum of twenty five dollars.

I have your application to apply for a license to sell liquor, and I have the honor to inform you that the same has been granted to you for the year 1840, at the rate of \$5.00 per annum.

1. John Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$5.00 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$15.00 per annum.

2. John Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$2.50 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$2.50 per annum.

3. George Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$1.00 per annum.

4. Thomas Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$1.00 per annum.

5. John Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$1.00 per annum.

Total \$25.50

Yours obediently,

J. H. Smith

John H. Smith, Esq.

Sir,

15 January 1840,

I have the honor to apply to you for a license to sell liquor for the year 1840.

For Abraham M. Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$5.00 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$5.00 per annum. And for Richard Smith, Town of Smith, for the year 1840, at the rate of \$2.50 per annum, for the privilege of selling liquor in the village of Smith, at the rate of \$2.50 per annum.

The license fees will be paid by the 15th inst.

I remain, Sir,

Yours obediently,

J. H. Smith

J. H. Smith

John H. Smith

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James

25

John H. Smith

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Hand for John H. Smith, Esq.
per 15 Jan 40

No.

15 January 1880.

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 13th inst, in which it is stated, that the Committee is desirous to show the parties in the matter to you of 27th December last a reasonable time to pay the fines which would you receive in the limit in each case. In reply I beg to respectfully state that the Committee has spoken too late; for the fines were all paid in to the Magistrate by all the parties named, two days before your letter arrived.

In a conversation I had with Mr. James Cahill last evening we came to the conclusion to ask for instructions as to the disposal of the same and ropes confiscated belonging to Daniel McElroy.

The ropes belonging to the same are although confiscated are now treated as if they were private property.

Yours faithfully,

John J. Kane

J.C.

My dear Sir,

15 January 1880.

I am in receipt of your annual Return of fish for year 1879; and I find you have omitted Bass of all kinds from the Return. — Also Herring bones and White fish. I want a correct return and nothing more. — So let me have it.

When speaking to you some time ago, I told you, I would endeavour to get you the fifteen, along with the 16, with back funds.

Last year Lyson paid off 10, for the 15 pound. are you willing to pay 10 for it, or not. Please answer, as Lyson has applied for it.

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

John J. Kane

London Station Office.

J.C.

Wednesday, 21, January 1880.

Mr. Kane attempted to cross to the Island.

Got three copies of the map of Dorset Island from the City Clerk, went out at 9 a.m. came in at 5 p.m. miles 90. By fare 2, dinner 55 of Boat 25 7.

My dear Gordon,

I duly received your letter about the business. If you have not already done so, please send it over to Mr. Thomas Fields in my care.

I could get no balance from the Ottawa people. I am busy making out my Annual Report, and with my usual report, believe me, Yours, &c.

John W. Lewis

S.O.

16 January 1880.

My dear Villard,

16 January 1880.

I am just busily engaged in making out my Annual Report, and will include your business in it.

I was in Monte, but as you have not had a time to come down to your house, I was at your house.

I came to in Monte last night. I made a report on my Annual Report to Ottawa. And if those fishermen are all don't pay this license fees - I will have to bring this matter in all at once into the House.

Very truly respects to Mrs. Villard, and believe me, Yours, &c.

John W. Lewis

S.O.

My dear Villard,

When in the City of Quebec on yesterday a person came to me that you were fishing sheep, etc. in the harbor. Two before the harbor, etc. are asked me to stop it. For the present in view of the fact you have not kept the sheep out immediately, and then come down to apply to me at once in writing for a license to fish them, giving me the number of the note you offer to pay for each. Don't fail to do this immediately. As Mr. Cuthbertson, who has been left his job, met also at once, if he has one.

The person who spoke to me, also told the police, and the police told me of it.

The person who told me on yesterday, talked of sending down a petition against you to the Hon. the Minister, - Ottawa.

Now as a man don't fail to do all I ask you promptly and when you have taken out the sheep, etc. then write to me at once for application for license to fish them.

Believe me, &c.

John W. Lewis
S.O.
L. Villard.

John W. Lewis

S.O.

22 Jan 1880.

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22 January 1890.

No. 225

I have the honor to send you herewith the draft for the sum of thirty dollars. --

Will you be pleased to apply this amount in license fees for the various canons as follows:

1. No. license, in reply, for and under the license of that date to fish in the Sturgeon River there already a canoe. balance -- 15.00

2. Al-Cl. probb. of Chertea for license in 20. all the month in the township of South Albany. 15.00

The

For the Minister

Total 30.00

I Have &c

John W. Clark

S. A.

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23 January 1890.

I have the honor to refer you to my report dated 24th of November last, in reply to an application ^{then} made by Mr. W. H. of Grafton, for leave to fish your sets of Hoop nets in Bourne or Dalbridge Bay, which I then reported to you.

In that report you will please find the following sentence: "Mr. William Woodland, a licensed fisherman with a young family living on the east end of Dalbridge Bay, said up at once for asking to know if he could or would be allowed to fish Hoop nets for these small but fish when my answer was no, after dumping the water between us."

Mr. Woodland has now renewed his application for a license to fish in Dalbridge Bay, and with Hoop nets in which state he can sell, all he catches for 1/2 pence per pound. --

I beg most respectfully, under the circumstances in position, with a small young family, that you will be pleased to please to give a license to expire on the 31st of March next, for leave to fish your Hoop nets, the license fee to be of 3. for each net.

Any other kind of fish to be liberated alive.

No. 226

Minister

I Have &c

John W. Clark

S. A.

Jan 26

28. Jan'y 1880. —

I have the honor to receive your decision of the 26th instant, to Mr. Staulon's application, and my report thereon, for that portion of the Staulon point fishery and fishery reserve in front of his property there. —

And in reply you are pleased to say: "No incumbrance to Mr. Staulon's property, and Ward, can result, from granting the application of Mr. Staulon who will therefore be allowed a license of the fishery privileges around Staulon's point."

I am perfectly satisfied and I bow with obedience and pleasure to the Hon. the Minister's decision. —

But I beg to report that there are times when the other licensed fishermen, on the Toronto Island have been obliged and under constraint, I have no doubt, be obliged to leave in their boats too, and on their return, from the city of Toronto, land on the extreme end of Staulon's point. —

You will therefore be pleased, in issuing to Mr. Staulon, a license, not to put any special clause in it, which may deter the other licensed fishermen from landing there. —

And if it is not too late Mr. Staulon's fee, should be about \$30. yearly. —

I hope you will be pleased to let me have a copy of the license and the letters you wrote Mr. Staulon, Ward and Gray, so that I may be in a position to smooth things over, should a difficulty arise for my doing so. — — — I have not yet, however seen either of them. — — —

I have, Sir

Hon. Minister

John W. Kerr,
J. O.

Friday 30. Jan'y 1880.

At Jordan, Ont. Railway Station. — Drove to the north of 20 miles back, at Lake Ontario. — Saw about 50 geese, — Richard Gilbert said that he saw them there in 1880. — geese, ducks and other waterfowl, Gilbert's to be present next week, went out at 8. a. m. I came in at 5.30. p. — Gilbert 50. My fare \$2.00, and 25. — They have been catching a great many Bass and fish. —

Was then out to catch some more of the same of any kind of fish. —

THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Of the County of Wentworth—Election of Officers—Review of the Work of the Year and Other General Business.

The first annual meeting of the Fish and Game Protective association was held last evening in the grand jury room of the court house. There was a good turnout of members, the chair being occupied by the president, Mr. J. E. O'Reilly. After the reading of the minutes and the consideration of a letter written by the president to city representatives of the Dominion Parliament, respecting the fisheries laws, the secretary, Mr. C. H. Bethell, read a statement of the work done by the association during the year. A petition had been sent to the Fisheries Department at Ottawa to prevent netting in Burlington Bay, which was granted.

Patrick Hand, of Winona, was prosecuted for illegally netting ducks in Lake Ontario. He was fined \$5.

Titus Williams and brother, of East Flamboro', were prosecuted for hounding deer in close season. The case was lost.

A case of illegal netting in Burlington Bay was also lost.

Mr. Campbell was prosecuted for destroying fish in Twelve-Mile creek. He was fined \$50, but the fine was remitted by the Government, and Twelve-Mile creek exempt from the fisheries statute. The association were corresponding with the Government, and trying to show that the creek was a suitable place for the propagation of fish, and was worthy of Government protection.

Two farmers of East Flamboro, named Reynard, were prosecuted for killing deer. They were fined \$75.

John Hall and Peter Dowling, of East Flamboro, were prosecuted for killing a yearling doe, and were fined \$19.50 each. The father of Hall was to be prosecuted for having the carcass of the same in his possession.

The financial statement for the year was: Receipts, \$162.25; disbursements, \$188.77, leaving a deficit of \$26.52.

The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

Dr. Malloch, president.
J. E. O'Reilly, 1st vice-President.
Dr. McGregor (Watford), 2d vice-President.
Frederick Snider (Agasseter), 3d vice-President.
C. H. Bethell, Secretary-Treasurer.
Directors—James Pett, W. G. Reid, E. V. Spencer, Myles Overand, F. W. Hore, John Bamberger and John Smith.

Mr. J. E. O'Reilly offered the use of his office to the Board of Managers for any time that they should desire it.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. McNair, it was resolved that the directors make a donation to Mr. Plastow, caretaker, for his kind attentions to the members of the association during their meetings.

It was moved by Dr. Malloch and seconded by E. Spencer that Mr. S. McNair be requested to act on behalf of the association in the detection and prosecution of parties violating the provisions of the fish and game laws, and that the county and city councils be petitioned to appoint him game inspector, under sec. 15, chap 31, 43 vic. Ont. Carried.

A letter was read from Mr. J. P. Johnston, of the American Express company, stating that he had been instructed to demand from the association payment of the amount of all expenses incurred by the company in defending the prosecution for having deer in their possession.

The members were of the opinion that as the costs in the case had been regulated by the police magistrate, who had also sanctioned the prosecution, the association had nothing further to do in the matter.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the joint jail and court-house committee for the use of the grand jury room for the purposes of the association.

Mr. O'Reilly then vacated the chair, which was taken by the newly elected president.

Mr. John Smith congratulated the president on his appointment and the association on the selection it had made. He also moved a vote of thanks to the retiring president, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. C. H. Bethell, the untiring secretary of the association.

After some discussion respecting the meetings to be held during the year and the matter of getting up an annual supper, the meeting adjourned.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

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Monday, 2. February 1880.

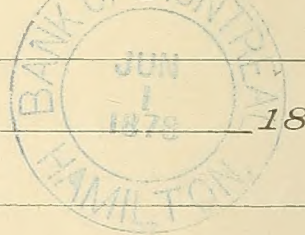
Sent Mr. George Cooke. Leslieville - a spearing
one to spear in Ashbridges Bay. - from 1st of January.
In spearing houses, and through the ice. -
open water. - - -
O. W. Hore.

No. 144

Original, for the Depositor.

\$ 9 100

Bank of Montreal,



Received from Geo. W. Allen

on account of F. L. Allen

the sum of Nine Dollars

which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Ent'd.

Wm. H. L. Allen
J. H. L. Allen

